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BUDGET TO DELIVER MORE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Tabling her Policy and Budget speech, MEC for Human Settlements Ms Violet Siwela announced a staggering **1.822 billion** rand for the 2016/17 financial year which will be channeled to build tangible human settlements projects for the betterment of all needy people in Mpumalanga.

Siwela gracefully commended the new spatial pattern of sustainable and integrated human settlements, and professed that **16 186** housing opportunities will be delivered this financial year and this will be constituted by the construction of **8 720** housing units and the servicing of **7 466** sites across the province.

With a total figure of **1.647 billion** rand set out from the overall budget to develop houses and implement them, this is projected to build among other projects, the Breaking New Ground (BNG's) in various local municipalities such as Mbombela, Umjindi, eMalahleni, Steve Tshwete, Victor Khanye, Govan Mbeki, and Lekwa.

"Irrespective of having seen some imposing progress over the last few years, a lot still lie ahead to ensure that we fully embrace and deliver on our mandate," explained Siwela while maintaining that the Department will continue to deliver integrated human settlements in order to ensure that everyone is housed adequately and have their dignity restored as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic.

Dealing with the scourge of informal settlements in the mining towns and other rural communities, she restated after the commitment by Premier David Mabuza during his State of the Province Address that the province will invest **R545 million** rand in various municipalities to ensure that there are improved living conditions and quality of life of beneficiaries as far as integrated human settlements is concerned.

Chairperson for the portfolio committee on Human Settlements, Mr Thulare Madileng, acknowledged the inexorable efforts and commitments of the Department as candid and that it provided for all persons that deserved a house without any favour or discrimination.

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