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**FIFTEEN FAMILIES RECEIVE NEW HOMES THROUGH RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMME**

Fifteen families in Mangweni Village, Nkomazi Local Municipality, were handed keys to newly built government-subsidised homes, bringing stability and dignity to households who previously lived in precarious conditions. Among them is the Moshele family, who, after living in a cramped, dilapidated one-room structure on the verge of collapse, now have a fully furnished house provided under the Rural Housing Programme.

During the handover ceremony, MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs, (CoGHSTA), Mr. Speed Mashilo, who was joined by local leaders, personally ushered Ms. Florence Moshele (41) and her family of eight into their new home. Expressing deep gratitude, Ms. Moshele shared, "During rainy days, we used to sleep at my neighbour's house, fearing our own would collapse. I'm so grateful that my family now has a safe, decent place to call home." She also extended her thanks to the government and local councillors, noting the added support of furniture and groceries as an incredible bonus.

Speaking at the event, MEC Mashilo praised the collaboration that made the project possible. "Through partnerships, we stay committed to our vision of delivering sustainable human settlements across Mpumalanga. Today's handover is a testament to that commitment," he said. The project, valued at over R2 million, is part of a broader initiative to ensure rural communities have access to adequate housing, offering beneficiaries homes that are not just functional but also provide a fresh start.

Representing the municipality, Council Speaker Cllr. Hilda Nyambi reflected on the impact of the project: "Today, fifteen families have had their lives changed for the better. Our priority as a municipality is to restore human dignity by ensuring access to basic services." She further emphasised that coordinated efforts across all levels of government are essential to accelerating service delivery to communities.

This milestone marks a significant step forward in the Rural Housing Programme's goal to provide decent living conditions for all, affirming the province's dedication to uplifting vulnerable families and building sustainable communities.

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