



human settlements

MPUMALANGA PROVINCE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Building No 6 & 7, No 7 Government Boulevard, Riverside Park, Extension 2  
Mbombela, Mpumalanga, Private Bag X11328, Mbombela, 1200  
Tel: +27 (13) 766 6088, Fax: +27 (13) 766 8441

Litiko  
Lekuhlaliswa Kwebantfu

Departement van  
Menslike Nedersittings

UmNyango  
Wokuhlaliswa Kwabantu

**Press Release**  
**12 December 2016**

## **HAPPY BENEFICIARIES TAKE OCCUPATION OF HOUSES AT TEKWANE NORTH**

An 83-year old Ms Paulina Mbimba was excited to be amongst the magnitude of happy beneficiaries who received their newly built houses over the weekend in Tekwane North, City of Mbombela. Mbimba who could not help it but elatedly stretched her arms out in prayer, thanked the Department of Human Settlements for the swift intervention to her plight.

With her case being familiar to many, she lived most her life in Matsulu with her son and five grandchildren before she was forcefully removed from their house only for her to stay at a Foster Care Centre round the area. "I am grateful for the government that heard me cry and came to me. Life wasn't easy to live apart from my family," she appreciated.

The delivery is part of the R51 million project that consists the 424 houses realized through the Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP), water, sanitation and roads infrastructure delivered by the Department and the City of Mbombela. Accompanied by the executive mayor for the City, MEC Speedy Mashilo handed over the houses to the beneficiaries and requested them not to sell the houses but to rather pass them onto their next generations.

Mashilo acknowledged that although the delivery was taking place there was still a huge housing in the province, "The nearly 500 units we have just delivered are part of the 8000 houses the Department is supposed to deliver before the end of the financial year across the province including areas around Msukaligwa, Umjindi, eMalahleni and other municipalities."

However, MEC said that he was excited that these beneficiaries will be spending their Christmas in their new houses. He added: "I have realized that not many of you needed the government low cost houses but serviced sites to build your own houses. I am inn discussions with the municipality to give me land so that we can be able to assist those who are willing to buy and build their own houses."

Executive mayor Sibusiso Mathonsi pleaded with the community to coherently use the services of government and be willing to assist the municipality to cater for their needs by paying their rates. He said, "It is our responsibility to ensure that you live in areas that are habitable with all the necessary services such like sewer, water, electricity and accessible roads."

---

**ISSUED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE**  
**MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**  
**CONTACT: FREDDY NGOBE – 013 766 6014 / 082 859 4630/ [flngobe@mpg.gov.za](mailto:flngobe@mpg.gov.za)**

---

