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MPUMALANGA DECLARED BEST IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DELIVERY

The Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlements was declared the best across the country when it was announced the Best Performing Province of the Year in Human Settlements during the annual National Govan Mbeki Awards 2018 (GMA), held in East London International Convention Centre on November 30, 2018.

The award is given to a province with a sound planning which includes laudable business plan and annual performance plan. Moreover, departments had to be assessed on their sound financial planning and management. Departments were also assessed based on their none-financial performance, which includes meeting annual targets. It would be remembered that the department exceeded its targets in 2017/18 financial year from the planned target of 12 434 to 12 964 housing opportunities delivered.

Reacting on the side-lines to this achievement, Head of Department in the province Mr Kebone Masange attributed the feat to good planning, hands on management and adherence to policy directives during the delivery. "Adhering to policy, targets as well as planning, we have perfected our planning processes, and we made sure that we monitor and be hands on in the delivery of our services," he said.

Delivering her speech during the ceremony, Minister of Human Settlements Ms Nomaindiya Mfeketo congratulated all the winners and urged them not to confuse their achievements on the night as having reached the ceiling in delivery, but as a recognition and appreciation for their sterling contribution in delivery of human settlements. "We are here to appreciate your role and contribution to delivery of human settlements. You must see this as an appreciation and encouragement that you strive to improve further in the coming years," alluded Mfeketo.

The Department also won three other awards namely, the Best Financed Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP), Best Emerging Contractor and Best Rental Tribunal. Govan Mbeki Awards are meant to honour, recognize and appreciate all those who are playing a pivotal role in human settlements value chain. They are held annually, first at the provincial level, all provincial winners then proceed to compete at national level.

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