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## **GOVERNMENT DELIVERS ON ITS COMMITMENTS**

Government is committed to improve spending while delivering essential services to residents. Minister of Human Settlements, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi emphasized this during her visit to a Community Residential Units Project in the City of Mbombela, Mpumalanga. Along with MEC for Human Settlements, Mr. Speed Mashilo Minister Kubayi conducted an oversight visit to assess progress on the construction of 168 Community Residential Units (CRUs) at Sonheuwel. These units aim to benefit low-income groups and households earning below R3500.00 monthly.

During the site visit, MEC Mashilo pledged to engage the local municipality to expedite administrative hold-ups and ensure timeous completion of the project. "The local municipality will generate revenue from these CRUs. Once completed, the department will hand over management, security, and maintenance to the local municipality," Mashilo stated. He also acknowledged the Minister's consistent support for provincial programmes and expressed confidence in the department's personnel to ensure the realization of planned outputs.

The day concluded with a community engagement session and the distribution of nearly 1400 title deeds to deserving beneficiaries of government-subsidised houses at Umjindi Township. Minister Kubayi congratulated all beneficiaries and urged them to safeguard their title deeds. "The document you've received today confirms your rightful ownership of your house. Do not surrender it to loan sharks; it's your inheritance from the government," Kubayi emphasised.

One excited beneficiary, Ms. Thoko Zwane (65), expressed her joy at finally receiving her title deed, ensuring her house's rightful ownership. "I am relieved to have my title deed. I feared that if I passed away, my children and grandchildren would lose the house without it. Thank you to our government for making this day possible," Ms. Zwane said gratefully. The issuing of title deeds is an extensive drive by the department launched early this year to ensure property ownership and security of tenure.

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