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TARGET ORIENTED BUDGET VOTE SPEECH

The Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlements is set to foster coordinated and coherent planning in realising sound human settlements development in the province. MEC Speed Mashilo made this undertaking at the Provincial Legislature during the tabling of the **R1 506 billion** policy budget speech this week. Of the total budget the Department has set aside over **R274 million** for upgrading of informal settlements across the province. The budget will also allow the department to fast-track the finalisation of townships establishments.

As part of the Department's plans going into the 2022/23 financial year is to implement an active approach in addressing spatial dislocation. "The Department will implement an active approach to engagement of all affected stakeholders in order to address spatial dislocation as well as to target government investment in specific such as the Priority Housing Development Areas", he said. In line with this pronouncement new human settlements initiatives will focus on upscaling the upgrade of all informal settlements in various areas across the province.

In bringing about much needed intervention in the lack of bulk infrastructure the Department is allocating an increased budget (from 2% up to 15%) of its grant towards the bulk link infrastructure services supporting human settlements projects. The effective utilization of this allocation will be achieved through District Development Model (DDM) and direct engagements with key stakeholders like the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), COGTA, District and Local Municipalities.

With regards to human settlements targets for the current financial year, Mashilo announced specifics and pinned down his management to achieving the set targets. "A total of **3 400** sites in informal settlements is planned for upgrading while under the integrated human settlements the department seeks to deliver **3820** serviced sites", pronounced Mashilo. Moreover, the Department has planned the construction of **2 887** low-cost houses which is a slight decline from the previous financial year. This is in line with the new national directive to prioritize the provision of serviced sites

Mashilo also announced that the Department will work towards restoring dignity and wellbeing people living in mud houses as well as houses roofed with asbestos. "We have set ourselves into eradicating mud houses with priority given to 91 of them in Mkhondo Local Municipality", said Mashilo. He added that the Department has is now cow consolidating and costing the database for asbestos removal in the province, to be followed by request for funding from National Department of Human Settlements.

Other delivery targets are 29 units for military veterans throughout the province. The total of 200 units for Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) will be delivered. For eradication of hostels 300 Community Residential Units (300) will be constructed. In ensuring security of tenure and ownership of immovable property against unfair practices, a total of **5000** title deeds will be registered and issued to rightful beneficiaries.

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