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RIGOROUS EFFORTS TO TACKLE INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

Following efforts to curtail the mushrooming of informal settlements in developing communities, both the National and Provincial Departments of Human Settlements are taking a proactive approach to address any further informal developments through the upgrading of such areas where people live – otherwise known as the In-Situ approach. This emerged at a two-day workshop to capacitate municipal and provincial town planner's session held in Middelburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in Mpumalanga.

Provincial Coordinator for the Upgrading of Informal Settlements, Ms Buyisiwe Zuma explained that In-Situ upgrading is a staged process to improve the quality of life of people living in informal settlements without evicting them and this includes among others the roll-over upgrading approach. This method involves moving households off the land into a temporary relocation area (TRA) nearby while dismantling the shacks and then develop the site with formal sites and services and allowing the same households to move back.

The informal settlements upgrading programme will provide 2 802 housing units in the 2019/20 financial year. Meanwhile, the Department has planned to deliver 6 694 housing units and service 5000 sites during the current financial year at various areas in the Province.

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