

TITLE DEEDS HAND OVER CEREMONY: HOD S.M MTSWENI
MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
DR PIXLEY KA ISAKA SEME LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
VUKUZAKHE STADIUM, 07 SEPTEMBER 2013

Programme Directors: Cllr B.G Mavuso and Mr. Thusi Kubheka
Honourable MEC, Mr M.A Gamede (Human Settlements)
Executive Mayor: Cllr MA Malatsi (Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Munic)
Executive Mayor: Cllr M.P.P Nhlabathi (Gert Sibande District Munic)
Executive Mayors and councillors Present
Distinguished Community Members
All protocol observed

DEPARTMENT'S MANDATE

Since 2009, the Department was given a broadened mandate which entails the development of human settlements in an integrated and sustainable manner.

Emphasis is on the creation of integrated settlements, delivery of low-cost houses, mixed-typologies, and other required social and economic amenities such as community halls, health and education facilities.

The outcome-based approach emphasizes improved coordination of activities across the spheres for common objectives. The department's outputs include the upgrading of informal settlements, improvement of access to basic services, improved property market, and more efficient land utilisation.

Equally important is that the processing of Title Deeds is part of our deliverable to people.

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IMPORTANCE OF TITLE DEEDS

In terms of section 26(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996, it is stated as follows: ***“Everyone has a right to have access to adequate housing”***.

Emanating from this right, where anyone has acquired a house, ownership of that house is confirmed and guaranteed by the registration of that house with the Registrar of Deeds.(Issued Title Deed)

In the absence of the Title Deed, one cannot be guaranteed of ownership as a Title Deed provides a security of Tenure.

The benefits of a Title Deed includes amongst other things are that it can be used as security for loans aimed at improving the life of its holder as financial institutions accept it as a guarantee for the loan.

The Title deed must be kept safe at all times, from loss, misuse by giving it as security for unimportant things, given to illegal money lenders, etc

Once the Title Deed is registered and one loses the house, government cannot provide a house again to that person. Houses are not meant to be sold, used as shops, and other things but are meant to provide shelter to the needy.

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PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

In pursuing the noble dream of developing integrated human settlements, several portions of land at various municipalities will be developed for integrated human settlements.

These multi-year projects will take into account critical issues of planning, environment and improved beneficiary identification and management.

The department is currently in a process to finalise the development of the Mpumalanga Human Settlements Master Plan.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CRDP) (Comprehensive Rural Development Programme)

The province has a rural development strategy (CRDP) that aims at tackling poverty through job creation, skills and economic development.

In continuing the ideals of the programme, the department will deliver over 5000 units through the People's Housing Process at all CRDP municipalities, Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Municipality being one of the beneficiaries.

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Supported by other departments and stakeholders, co-operatives within the areas will continue to take part in this massive programme.

Thank you.