

INPUTS BY ACTING HOD MR S.E.B MATSEBULA DURING THE HAND
OVER OF FREEDOM SQUARE CRU, MZINONI.
GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
09TH OCTOBER 2014

Programme Directors

Honourable MEC, Ms V.S Siwela (Human Settlements)

Executive Mayor: Cllr LL Masina (Govan Mbeki Local Municipality)

Executive Mayor: Cllr P.N Nhlabathi (Gert Sibande District Municipality)

Executive Mayors and councilors Present

Distinguished Community Members

All protocol observed

DEPARTMENT'S MANDATE

Since 2009, the Department had its mandate broadened which entailed the development of human settlements in an integrated and sustainable manner.

Emphasis is on the creation of integrated settlements, delivery of low-income 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.

Thus, the department's outputs include:

- The upgrading of informal settlements,
- Improvement of access to basic services,
- Improved property market, and
- More efficient land utilisation.

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COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNIT PROGRAMME

Community Residential Units Programme is a programme that aims to facilitate the provision of secure and stable accommodation for lower income persons.

The CRU (Community Residential Units Programme) replaces the National Hostel Re-development programme and the proposed "Affordable Rental Housing Programme".

The programme therefore provides a coherent framework for dealing with the many different forms of existing public sector residential accommodation.

The scope of CRUs cover public hostels, public housing stock both Provincial & Local buildings, existing dysfunctional/abandoned/distressed inner city/township buildings that have to be taken over by the Local Authorities, buildings owned by provinces (**NOT municipal employee accommodation**).

Target Group

- Target persons & households earning below R3500 not able to access private rental and social rental market. The programme seeks to bridge the division between social housing and lower markets which posed a significant problem.

The CRU Development Programme covers the following:

- Stabilisation intervention programme
- Demolition and site rehabilitation
- Refurbishment
- Conversion
- New building infill on existing site

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- New building on greenfields site
- Complete redevelopment
- Long term capital maintenance

Once again, let us all play part in supporting this department on its programmes to ensure the delivery of much needed services.

Thank you.