

TITLE DEEDS HAND OVER CEREMONY: HOD S.M MTSWENI  
MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
ADELAIDE TAMBO MPCC, MHLUZI EXTENTION 07  
STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY  
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Honourable MEC, Mr. M.A Gamede (Human Settlements)  
Executive Mayor: Cllr MA Masina (Steve Tshwete Local Municipality)  
Executive Mayor: Cllr S Mashilo (Nkangala 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-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.

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

### **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.

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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.

### **ESSENCE OF CAMPAIGN**

In pursuing the noble dream of restoring dignity and sense of pride amongst our communities, the MEC launched this campaign at Gert Sibande last year where nearly 2000 beneficiaries were for the first time became rightful owners of their properties.

Few days ago, the department delivered title deeds to the people of Ehlanzeni where all the municipalities within this region benefitted. Having been to the two districts, it can only be proper to extend the campaign to this part of the province today.

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

**Thank you.**