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**HANDOVER:** MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Peggy Nkonyeni is seen with Mandeni Local Municipality acting Mayor, Phindile Sishi, ward 9 councillor and EXCO member, Cllr. Ntuli

By Xpress Reporter

The Department of Human Settlements and Public Works led by MEC Peggy Nkonyeni together with Ilembe District Municipality and Mandeni Local Municipality held a Mandela Day programme on 18 July 2019.

The day's proceedings kicked off with an unannounced visit to Sundumbili Clinic and Mandeni SASSA offices where the officials handed gifts and interacted with the people. This intervention was also used to address some of the challenges faced by employees when executing their day-to-day duties.

The highlight of the day was a handover of two of the nine houses for disabled people at Macambini Area (ward 02 & 09). The fully-furnished houses were handed to the elated beneficiaries, Bukwaphi Mhlongo (ward 02) and Khethiwe Ngubane (ward 09). The former shared her delight for being among beneficiaries of this programme.

"I am grateful for everything; our government really listens. It feels great to have a decent roof over your head. Thank you to the government. This has really changed my life"

said the overjoyed Mhlongo.

The two beneficiaries also received groceries and officials prepared a garden in their homes to ensure they have food on their tables.

Speaking on this occasion, Mayor Phindile Sishi cited that Nelson Mandela himself would be proud of this intervention as he believed that all people are equal regardless of their disabilities and background.

"Our government made a commitment to uplift people from all backgrounds, today on Mandela day we are heeding that commitment"

MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Peggy Nkonyeni said that her department has committed itself to prioritizing disabled people in the current financial year.

"We have resolved to prioritize disabled people, it is our duty as government to identify them and make sure they are elevated to live decently and contribute to the mainstream economy of our country" said the MEC.

The day's proceedings were folded at Macambini Multi-purpose Hall where 10 disadvantaged community members received blankets and food hampers. Ilembe District Municipality Mayor, His Worship Sduduzo Gumede, his Deputy, Cllr. Dolly Shandu and HOD Mr. Tubane were among the dignitaries who took part in this event