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# PRIORITIZING AND EMPOWERING ZULULAND AND UMKHANYAKUDE COMMUNITIES

Operation Sukuma Sakhe is KwaZulu-Natal's flagship programme that seeks to fast track delivery of government services. The Department of Human Settlements takes it in its stride to speedily respond to housing needs.

It is end of anxiety for summer storms for a family in Endalini, Phongola. Carol Ntshangase (47) gained her dignity and relief when the Honorable MEC N.P Nkonyeni handed her over keys to her new house on Saturday 07 November 2020. She was ecstatic as she walked into a complete furniture house by the department to ensure that new beginnings mean security and comfort.

Carol's dignity has been restored and one who depends on a disability grant through her epileptic disorder heads a family of three one of which is a grade 12 learner. There was also joy shared with the community as the launch of with first phase of 300 units out of the 1000 approved for ward 4, 8 and 12.

The acceleration of delivery follows a call by KZN Premier of the launch Operation Siyahlola Monitoring Programme that will monitor departments to ensure accountability, accentuate commitment and address challenges.



(Above Left) Honourable MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Ms. N.P Nkonyeni cutting the ribbon as she led the official handover of OSS house to Carol Ntshangase in Ndalini ( right) MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Ms. B.N Sithole –Moloi and MEC Nkonyeni planting the seeds in Carol's garden.



(Above left and right) MEC Nkonyeni, Sithole - Moloi Mavimbela with beneficiaries supply tools for One Home One Garden and sports kits





*(Above): MEC Nkonyeni, Khoza and the Mayor inspect the house used as a kitchen by the family*



*(Above): MEC Nkonyeni welcomes the Mngomezulu Family into their new home.*

On 08 November 2020, the MEC proceeded to change lives for the better when she launched the Mfekayi OSS housing project where a destitute family of the unemployed Simbo Mkabi (62) who heads a family of 4 received his family house after living a shabby mud structure will all her family. Depending on old age grant to put food on the table meant he would never be able to build a decent home.

Mkabi was identified through OSS war room sittings, said he greatly appreciates the efforts made by the Department for safeguarding his family in providing proper housing.

"We encourage communities to partake in war room sittings to voice the issues and where the Department officials and Councillors are there to listen and take action," said MEC Nkonyeni.

Another family shared the joy of the handover was Mr Nhlakanipho Mngomezulu whose child support grant is the only income for the family. Thank you to the Department for the house it means a lot to have roof over our heads" he said to the MEC

Throughout her weekend itinerary the Social Cluster team accompanied the MEC to simultaneously assure the communities that they are being prioritized. MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation Ms. H.S.G Mavimbela who supplied sports kits to local teams, MEC for Social Development N. Khoza who gave away 100 food parcels and blankets to the needy. Agriculture and Rural Development MEC B.N Sithole-Moloi dispensed gardening implements, seed and seedlings in a bid to encourage one home, one garden and fruit trees as a strategy to make communities understand the importance of self-sustainability by growing produce in our won gardens