

NHLANHLA'S HOUSING BLUES!

Empty promises from officials after bad weather still not met

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THREE years ago residents' houses south of Durban were badly damaged during a terrible thunderstorm.

Senior politicians including Premier Zweli Mkhize came to inspect the damage and promised help was coming.

Residents said the promises were empty and they are still waiting for things to improve.

They said that MEC Mike Mabuyakhulu came to the area and also made promises.

"Premier Mkhize promised to build us new homes. We are still living in those damaged homes. We are losing hope," said Nhlanhla Shange (24).

He said he attended a meeting which was hosted by MEC Mabusy Makhulu where he promised that new houses were going to be built for those whose houses were damaged.

"I am still waiting for that house. I have given up waiting. I can't keep hoping," he said.

Human Settlements MEC Ravi Pillay's private secretary Andiswa Zulu said: "The MEC is not available, but he will get back to you."

Some of the residents have tried to repair their houses but because of lack of money they are unable to finish the work.

Ward 67 councillor Thami Cele refused to speak about it.



Nhlanhla Shange stands outside his damaged house.

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