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Address to the Provincial Legislature by the Honourable Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni MPL, Member of the Executive Council, KwaZulu-Natal on 19 July 2019



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Speaker of the Legislature, Hon. Nontembeko Boyce

KwaZulu Natal Premier, Hon. Sihle Zikalala

Chairperson and members of the Human Settlements Portfolio Committee

Members of the Executive Council

Honourable Members

Respected Amakhosi present

The Acting Head of Department and Officials Present

Academia, Religious Leaders and Captains of Industry

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

Comrades and Friends

May I please recognise in the public gallery, my special guests.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BREAKING NEW GROUND

Madam Speaker, it is an honour to present the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements Vote 8 budget in this sixth democratic administration.

Our work is always with our people, alongside our people, in consultation with our people.

Our people are not passive recipients of Government programmes. Our people have agency. Speaking of the great Cuban revolution, the Bolivian-born internationalist Ernesto Che Guevara put it succinctly: "The people liberate themselves."

That sentiment was extended by another of our leaders who pioneered African socialism on our continent. Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere taught us: "If real development is to take place, the people have to be involved."

As we mark 25 years of democracy and celebrate International Nelson Mandela Day, I am pleased to announce that yesterday we handed over three houses to disabled beneficiaries in the area of Macambini in Mandeni.

It was Madiba who reminded us that: "A democracy is an order of social equality and non-discrimination. Our compatriots who are disabled challenge us in a very special way to manifest in real life those values of democracy."

Honourable Members, we remain inspired by the kind of South Africa that Madiba and others envisioned, a course to which they dedicated their whole lives.

When President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the State of the Nation Address he noted seven priorities:

- Economic transformation and job creation
- Education, skills and health
- Consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services
- Spatial integration, human settlements and local government
- Social cohesion and safe communities
- A capable, ethical and developmental state
- A better Africa and World

The President's pronouncements mirror the resolutions of the African National Congress lekgotla.

Honourable Members, spatial integration and human settlements are among the priorities outlined and with this Budget Vote, we will detail how our programmes and policies as a Province seek realised the overarching tasks the President spoke about.

Honourable Speaker, in the State of the Province Address the Premier committed, "We remain firm on the statement we made during the inauguration that the primary focus of our government in this term is the eradication of all transit camps. Currently we have consolidated all areas into one list, and the MEC for Human Settlements will present the plan and timelines for these projects". I will elaborate further on this and the mega catalytic projects.

Presently, our country is going through serious fiscal consolidation and the Department is no exception to receiving budget cuts.

The 2019/20 financial year sees the highest budget cut of R735 617 million to the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG).

Despite the budget cuts, the Department of Human Settlements is steadfast and will continue to implement programmes towards restoring the dignity and pride of our citizens.

The Department has consistently spent its allocated Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) over the past five years and has been privileged to receive additional funding from underspending provinces. This has assisted the Department to deliver over 800,000 housing opportunities throughout the Province, since 1994.



Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Dr Lindiwe Sisulu and MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Ms Peggy Nkonyeni - Women at the helm of providing human settlements and sustainable livelihoods.

The StatsSA's 2018 General Household Survey indicates that housing projects are not reducing the percentage of households in informal dwellings. It shows that 81,1% of all households resided in formal dwellings. Although the percentage of households that have received some kind of government subsidy to access housing has increased to 13.6% in 2018, nevertheless 13.1% of households are still living in informal dwellings.

It must be noted that against the official housing backlog of 742,019, as informed by Census 2011, the Department has delivered 196,456 units. In 2018/19 financial year alone, 26,200 (of which 5,574 serviced sites and 20,626 houses) housing opportunities were created.

The impact may seem small against growing housing needs and budget cuts. This serves not to deter us but spur us to implement innovative building technology and provide serviced sites to improve as many lives as we possibly can. We will ensure that 20% of the Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG) in eThekweni will be utilised for serviced sites.

The Department always places an emphasis on quality control by ensuring that projects are constantly monitored by the Department's building inspectors and National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC). We will further ensure that companies are appointed in terms of their CIDB rating, a clear demonstration of or proven track record in building quality human settlements that meet our set standards.

Forging ahead, the Department is implementing a new service delivery model to transform human settlements into liveable and sustainable spaces through spatial targeting and consolidation. This is in keeping with the Breaking New Ground (BNG) programme. Through this over-arching programme, we will focus on sustainable human settlements and improve quality of life for households through:

Izinhlobo ezihlukahlukene zemiXhaso esinazo kubhasikidi wethu wesibonelelo.

Nginyaqonda ukuthi selokhu kwabakhona uHulumeni wentando yeningi uma kukhulunywa ngohlelo lwezindlu zesibonelelo lukaHulumeni into efikayo emqondweni yilokhu okubizwa ngokuthi "imixhaso" (RDP) kanti akunjalo kepha kunezinhlelo ezibhekele imikhakha ehlukeni engizoyichaza ukuze siqonde okungumsebenzi ngqo wawo uMnyango.

Yilezi izinhlelo eziletha imisebenzi yezezindlu ziphinde zihlinzeke nosizo lokuqalisa izinhlelo,

Lezizinhlelo zibhekele abantu abayizakhamizi zase Ningizimu Afrika abanomazisi oluhlaza (Green barcoded ID) onamagabelo abangakaze bahlomule kuhlelo lesibonelelo lukaHulumeni nabahola ngaphansi kuka R3 500.00

1. Uhlelo lwezindlu zomXhaso – Lolu yilona hlelo olwaziwa kakhulu futhi olungumgogodla wezinhlelo zesibonelelo oludume ngokuthi yi RDP.

2. Uhlelo loXhaso lokuthuthukiswa kwezindawo zokuhlala oludidiyele – IRDP (Integrated Residential Development Programme) isibonelo iCornubia Catalytic Project
3. Uhlelo lwezindlu zabantu olwengenzelelwe (Enhanced Peoples Housing Programme) – Vulindlela EPHP
4. Uhlelo lwasemakhaya – Rural Housing Development Programme
5. Uhlelo lwezindawo zaseMapulazini – Farm Workers / Dwellers Assistance Programme
6. Uxhaso oluhlanganisile – Consolidation Subsidy (Happy Valley kanye noSite 11 khona la eMsunduzi.
7. Uxhaso lwezinhlangano (Institutional Subsidy) – TAFTA kanye noLungiswa Indlela Village (LIV)
8. Uhlelo lomuntu ngayedwana (Individual Subsidy)
9. Ukwenziwa ngcono kwezindawo zasemijondolo (Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme)
- 10. Uhlelo lomhlomulo wesaphulelo olukhulisiwe – EEDBS –kususwa zonke izikweletu zerenti ukuze umndeni unikwe ubunikazi – R293 Townships, nezindawo ezazibekelwe ezinye izinhlanga ezazingaphansi koMnyango weZithunywa;**
11. Izakhiwo zemiphakathi nezomnotho (Community Residential Units.
12. Social Housing Programme
13. Uhlelo lokusiza labo abangomakadebona embuthweni wezokuvikela (Military Veterans Programme)
14. Ukulungiswa komthamo wezindlu wangaphambi kuka 1994 (Pre 1994 Rectification Programme)
15. Ukugunyazwa koMasipala (Municipal Accreditation)



Future housing developments are envisaged as places where people can live, learn, work, pray and play.

16. Uhlelo olubhekele abantu abangakwazi ukuthola usizo lomxhaso ngenxa yokuthi bahola ngaphezu kuka R3 500 kodwa futhi bengakwazi ukuthola ukusizakala kwizikhungo ezibolekisa ngemali zokwakha izindlu ngoba bengaholi kakhulu laba esithi baphakathi nendawo (Financed Individual Linked Subsidy Programme FLISP) GAP MARKET (abahola phakathi kuka **R 3501,00 to R 22 000.00**)
 17. Uhlelo lwabaphila ngokukhubazeka
 18. Uhlelo lokusiza ezimeni eziphuthumayo (Emergency / Operation Sukuma Sakhe)
 19. Service Sites Programme –
 - Grade A
 - Grade B
- Development of **liveable neighbourhoods** by investing in priority housing areas/nodes, public spaces, vital infrastructure and services. We will work closely with various sector Departments and stakeholders to achieve the desired results. There will be serious focus on the development of small towns/cities that will provide mixed land uses, namely: - range of housing typologies, business/industrial sites, school and clinic sites, etc. We will explore innovative technologies that addresses climate change, carbon emissions and greening of our settlements.
 - **Access to well-located and desirable land** for human settlements development and **upgrading of informal settlements** where people can live in dignity.
 - The **eradication of all transit camps**. This was one of the marching orders by our honourable Premier during SOPA.
 - Providing access to **adequate housing** through the various subsidy programmes, namely:- affordable rental units and ownership for both low and gap market households, including provision of housing for farmworkers/dwellers and military veterans.
 - Develop a **functional residential property market** to support the realisation of asset value by strengthening Housing Consumer Education and provision of title deeds. We are committed to accelerate the rolling out of title deeds to black South Africans in order to guarantee their security of tenure and to provide them with instruments of financial collateral. Addressing the United Nations early in his presidency, Madiba corroborated this by saying: "The absence of such security is one of the most consistent reasons for the non-improvement of housing conditions. Granting such security leads to a completely different response from Communities."
 - Implement **Radical Economic Transformation and Job creation** through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in human settlement projects and targeted procurement of companies/ sub-contractors from designated groups including women, youth and people with disabilities.

- Implement the **National Housing Needs Register (NHNR)** within Municipalities to improve planning and budgeting for human settlements development. This will further ensure fair, transparent and equitable allocation of housing to needy households. The Department will get rid of corruption in the allocation of houses by only accepting a beneficiary allocation that is approved by the Allocation List Committee and endorsed by Council. New biometric technology, integrated to the current methods of verification may play a major role in helping us avert incidences of corruption.
- Prioritise and eradicate all backlogs of **disabled and military veterans households by allocating 10% of the total units per project to these designated groups.**

2. BUDGET TOWARDS CREATING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

2.1 The budget for 2019/20 is comprised of **Equitable Share** of R405, 533 million for operational costs and the **Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG)** of R3, 485, 407 billion, aimed at providing housing and essential services.

The HSDG includes a ring-fenced amount of R510, 553 million for Upgrading of Informal Settlements. We have further received an additional ring-fenced amount of R100, 612 million for the **Title Deeds Restoration Programme** and R15, 090 million for **Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)** for the creation of temporary work opportunities and skills transfer for the unemployed.

2.2 The table below illustrates the breakdown of the budget allocation per grant.

Allocation	2019/2020 (R'000)
Baseline Allocation	3,787,798
Increase in baseline allocation	218,844
Revised 2019/20 MTEF allocation	4,006,642
HSDG	3,485,407
EPWP	15,090
Title Deeds Restoration Grant	100,612
Conditional Grant	3,601,109
Equitable Share	405,533
Total Budget	4,006,642

2.3 CONDITIONAL GRANT ALLOCATION PER DISTRICT

The allocation per district, as set out in the table below is influenced by demographics, project planning readiness and increasing availability of bulk services. It also includes the Informal Settlements Upgrade Programme, EPWP and Title Deeds Grants.

District Municipality	2019/20 Budget R'000	2020/21 Budget R'000
Amajuba	176,257	169,985
eThekwini	1,188,398	1,276,086
Harry Gwala	210,745	191,289
iLembe	281,355	382,426
uGu	296,782	227,772
uMgungundlovu	512,999	442,833
Mkhanyakude	164,160	154,030
uMzinyathi	142,020	134,013
uThukela	180,616	249,733
King Cetshwayo	251,617	200,144
Zululand	196,160	332,535
Total	3,601,109	3,760,846

2.4 EQUITABLE SHARE ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMME

The table below illustrates the breakdown of the Equitable Share per programme:

Programme	2019/2020 (R'000)
1. Administration	239,986
2. Housing Needs, Research and Planning	18,975
3. Housing Development	99,466
4. Housing Assets Management, Property Management	47,106
Total Budget	405,533

3. SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

3.1 SUMMARY OF DELIVERABLES FOR 2019/20

The summary of deliverables with the total Budget of R3, 485,407 billion is as follows:-

- 9,101 serviced sites,
- 18,541 units under all subsidy instruments; and
- 50,780 title deeds

3.2 PROGRAMMES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

3.2.1 INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS UPGRADING PROGRAMME AND ERADICATION OF TRANSIT CAMPS

Rapid urbanisation and the increase of informal settlements through land invasion in KwaZulu-Natal especially in eThekweni Metro and secondary cities remains a big challenge. Within the limited resources, greater focus and ring-fencing of funds for upgrading of informal settlements will see families living in healthy and liveable conditions.

Furthermore, through innovative interventions like re-blocking, planned informal settlements, and provision of basic services, relocating excess households to Greenfield projects, the Province will be able to upgrade all informal settlements.

The eradication of Transit Camps is a priority for the MTSF period. A comprehensive and deadline-driven action plan has been drafted and is implemented for the eradication of all 46-transit camps in eThekweni.

In the last Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) period, the Department has delivered 44,052 units and 27,248 sites through the Informal Settlements Upgrading Programme (ISUP).

A total of R1, 000,424 billion has been allocated in the 2019/20 financial year for the upgrading of informal settlements which will deliver 6,525 serviced sites and 5,653 units throughout the province.

3.2.2 INTEGRATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (IRDP) CATALYTIC PROJECTS

The Department is vigorously pursuing holistic developments that look at creating new urban settlements with mixed housing typologies, industrial and commercial sites, schools, clinics, churches, sports fields, etc. The implementation of these urban greenfield projects seeks to address apartheid spatial planning by integrating communities in terms of race, class, etc. to live alongside each other. To this effect, the Honourable Premier in his State of the Province Address, mentioned the following eight (Mega) projects that have commenced:

- CORNUBIA (27,000 UNITS)

Phase 1 comprising of 2,662 units has been completed and eThekweni Metro is currently in the process of issuing title deeds. On 5 July 2019, the Honourable Premier, Minister of Human Settlements, Water & Sanitation, Acting Mayor of eThekweni and I handed over 450 title deeds to residents of Cornubia.

Phase 2 is anticipated to comprise of 25,336 units (12,440 subsidized units for both low income and affordable units plus a further 12,896 private sector housing). This phase will ensure that social amenities are developed within seven social clusters. Currently, Phase 2A comprising of 3,291 sites in under planning that will deliver an estimated 3,291 low income units. eThekweni Metro is also busy with supply chain management process to procure a service providers to undertake planning activities for Phase 2B comprising of 3,294 sites for 1,645 for affordable/ high density housing and 1,649 for low income housing.

- UMHLATHUZE: EMPANGENI (10,000 UNITS)

Planning and bulk infrastructure installation has been completed. Phase 1A comprising of 300 sites is currently undergoing internal infrastructure (services) that will make the sites marketable for the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) takers.

- ETHEKWINI INNER CITY (10,585 UNITS FOR SOCIAL/RENTAL UNITS)

eThekweni has finalised the Master Plan on Inner City Regeneration, which makes provision for 10,585 social/rental housing units. The project aims to retain and attract investments into the inner city of Durban whilst providing sustainable integrated rental opportunities. The municipality has already allocated some of the dilapidated buildings to Accredited Social Housing companies for social/rental housing. It is also envisaged that some of the inner-city buildings will be revamped for student accommodation.

- KWAMASHU BRIDGE CITY URBAN HUB (27,875 UNITS)

A multi-sectoral collaboration initiative is underway with key stakeholders. The municipality has already allocated sites to the private sector for mixed-use development of 1,000 units.

- UMLAZI URBAN REGENERATION (18,000 UNITS)

Approximately 6 000 units have already been built on infill sites in uMlazi. The provision of services to the unit has been a challenge. The municipality is currently in the process of finalising the planning activities. Water and sanitation will be installed over the MTEF period to the houses. The uMlazi Infill, part 6 is currently in planning and comprises of 2,000 units.

- AMAOTI GREATER HOUSING PROJECT (20,000 UNITS)

Planning is underway and the draft framework plan has been approved. The municipality will be installing basic services and footpaths.

- JOHNSTON BLAAUBOSCH CAVAN (JBC) (9,511 UNITS)

Planning activities for Phase 1 comprising of 2,011 sites have been completed and bulk infrastructure is underway. The consolidation of properties for Phase 2 & 3 comprising of 7,000 sites has been finalised and the drawings have been lodged with the Surveyor General's Office. Engineering services designs have been lodged for approval. The process to appoint the contractor to install bulk services has commenced.

- Hyde Park (4,600 units)

Land acquisition and the Geo-Tech Investigation has been completed. Final detailed house designs have been finalised and submitted to the municipality for approval.

The Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP) over the past five years delivered 15,336 serviced sites and 8,491 units. The Department intends delivering 4,428 serviced sites and 2,675 units in this financial year.

3.2.3 ENHANCED PEOPLES HOUSING PROCESS (EHP)

The flagship Vulindlela Rural Housing Project, which comprised of 25,000 housing units across nine Wards of uMgungundlovu district is in its final stage. The project implementation strategy provided numerous direct and indirect work and business opportunities to community and established Cooperatives.

In the last MTSF period, the Department has delivered 16,581 units. A total of R202, 530 million has been allocated in this financial year to complete the remaining 1,763 units.

3.2.4 SOCIAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS (CRUs)

Madam Speaker, Social Housing provides for part of the urban agenda. The provision of social housing complements the initiatives undertaken to address the Informal Settlement Upgrading Programme (ISUP) and the achievement of Outcome 8 objectives. We will introduce and develop at least three African Social Housing Institutions that will be accredited by Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) to deliver social/rental housing.

The Department has delivered 2,253 Social Housing and 612 Community Residential Units since 2014.

A budget of R190 million in the 2019/20 financial year will yield 530 Community Residential Units. A further 200 Social Housing (SH) units will be delivered, funded by Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA)



The Hilltop Social Housing Project in eThekweni Metro.



*The Cornubia Phase 1B Integrated Residential Development Project (IRD).
Mixed race and mixed income developments are set to be the norm.*

The MTSF deliverables for Social/CRU units are as follows:

District	Municipality	Project Area	Social/CRU	Target
Amajuba	Newcastle	N11 CRU	CRU	540
Harry Gwala	Greater Kokstad	Kokstad CRU	CRU	300
Harry Gwala	Ubuhlebezwe	Ubuhlebethu	CRU	150
UMgungundlovu	Msunduzi	Jika Joe CRU	CRU	1,164
eThekwini	eThekwini	Various including Hostels	CRU	1,145
eThekwini	eThekwini	Inner City and Bridge City	SH	5,000
UMgungundlovu	Msunduzi	Signal Hill Phase 2, Woodpecker	SH	500
Amajuba	Newcastle	Hospital Street	SH	550
Ugu	Ray Nkonyeni	Marburg	SH	300
UThukela	Ladysmith	Dunlop site	SH	200
UThungulu	Mhlathuze	Aquadene , Dumisani Makhaye	SH	1,200
ILembe	KwaDukuza	Hyde Park	SH	449
TOTAL				11,498

3.2.5 FINANCE LINKED INDIVIDUAL SUBSIDIES (FLISP)

The Finance Linked Individual Subsidy is targeted to benefit people who earn between R3, 501 to R22, 000 per month and do not qualify for subsidised housing. The Department, depending on the household income category provides a subsidy to the qualifying household, which is paid directly to the home loan account at the financial institution. We will work vigorously towards identifying portions of land across the Province for the private sector to build houses for the affordable market.

In the last MTSF period, the Department delivered 1,499 units. A total of R15 million has been allocated to FLISP that will deliver 300 units in this financial year.

3.2.6 TITLE DEEDS

The Title Deed Restoration Programme is one of our priorities. For the past five years, the Department has issued 7,538 title deeds for pre-1994 households and 26,167 title deeds for post 1994 households, respectively. This is despite challenges of missing and deceased beneficiaries, units occupied by illegal occupants and townships registers not opened in some townships. I urge municipalities to ensure that a fair and transparent process is followed in the allocation of units including giving disabled households and the elderly priority.

We have a ring-fenced budget of R100, 612 million to address the title deed backlogs of 39,021 in the current financial year. The remaining 11,759 current title deeds will be funded from the project cost in the 2019/20 financial year.



Quality control by MEC Nkonyeni before she hands over title deeds to residents of the Greytown Slums Clearance Project.



3.2.7 RURAL HOUSING

The Department is committed in improving the quality of life of our rural citizens bearing in mind that KwaZulu Natal is predominantly a rural province. Housing delivery in rural areas will continue with better planning so as not to change the landscape to an urban one. The challenge is that rural housing delivery is at odds with planning commission objectives.

However, the Department intends developing a rural housing strategy to address spatial planning and mixed development in rural nodal areas. Furthermore, planning activities will commence for the farmworkers/dwellers living in Ekujabuleni.

In the past five years, the Department has delivered 65,595 units. A total of R1, 049,275 billion has been allocated to rural housing programme to deliver 7,850 units throughout the province.

3.2.8 EMERGENCY HOUSING AND OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE (OSS)

No matter how detailed our plans are and realistic targets set, we will forever be at the mercy of Mother Nature. The damage caused by storms in the Province, mainly in eThekweni, in April is an example of emergencies to which government needs to respond to quickly and effectively. The Emergency Housing Programme is one of the instruments through which the Department responds to such occurrences. A database of service providers has been established to expedite emergency housing needs.

Through the OSS intervention programme, the Department swiftly attends to the plight of needy and vulnerable citizens of our Province. The Department will assist 3,940 OSS households throughout the province with a budget of R267, 373 million. A concerted effort is being made to fast track the delivery of housing support to 4, 464 storm damaged households with an amount of R250 million allocated by National Treasury.

In as much as we can applaud our work in pushing back the frontiers of poverty, inequality and unemployment; we must always be conscious of the contradictions in our society that we should constantly wrestled with. Commandante Fidel Castro always went to great pains to point out: "A revolution is a struggle to the death between the future and the past." It is our revolutionary obligation to create the future of a better life for all our people.

In presenting the track record of service delivery of our government, we must acknowledge that the good story is not shared widely enough.

We need to communicate our achievements more vigorously and without modesty. In the great debates on socialism in the early twentieth century, Cde Rosa Luxemburg declared: "The most revolutionary thing one can do is always to proclaim loudly what is happening."

We must claim our victories as a Government of the national democratic revolution.

3.2.9 RECTIFICATION OF POORLY BUILT HOUSES

Quality of houses built remains the focus of the Department. The partnership with the building industry, regulator, the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBC), has ensured that there is no compromise on quality. The Province with the **approval of the National Department of Human Settlements** is rectifying units that are not habitable and in serious state of disrepair.

We have rectified 10,525 units to date and a total of R70, 7 million has been allocated to refurbish 566 pre - 1994 housing stock. A further 817 post-1994 housing stock will be rectified in the 2019/2020 financial year with a budget of R60, 6 million.

3.2.10 ACCREDITATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Accreditation of municipalities to undertake housing development will be re-assessed and, based on merit, will be approved.



Cleaner and smarter cities - MEC Nkonyeni adopts a hand-on approach as she visits eMlazi as part of a delegation to announce the in-sourcing of waste collection by eThekweni Metro.

4. OTHER PROGRAMMES AIMED AT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION

4.1 JOB CREATION AND EMPOWERMENT

The Department is committed in the implementation of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), thus contributing towards work opportunities. Through 120 housing projects, the Department has created 29,689 work opportunities since 2014. This includes 7,766 opportunities created for women and 19,838 for youth. In the last financial year, the EPWP Skills Programme benefitted 243 learners.

To further boost its emphasis on job creation, the Department has targeted a further 7,000 work opportunities to be created and 350 EPWP beneficiaries to be provided with accredited training, with a budget of R15 million, in the current financial year.



Increased internship and training opportunities and more Youth graduating with bricklaying, plastering, carpentry and plumbing skills through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) means more job opportunities.

4.2 HIGH TECH AND "GREEN" DEVELOPMENTS

Madam Speaker, we cannot speak about sustainable livelihoods without factoring in the 4th Industrial Revolution and climate change. We also need to do our share to ensure that we go "green" whilst ensuring that our products are not harmful to the environment and that we minimize the effects of climate change, e.g solar powered geysers. We are exploring new building technologies/material supply aimed at reducing carbon emission.

We also recognise that "high tech" need not only define our building materials and end products but also the methods we use to monitor our developments, threats to these developments and effective and transparent allocation of housing.

In keeping with our programme to provide sustainable livelihoods, we will partner with the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development to ensure that we hand over houses with gardens to the poorest of the poor.



Houses with gardens will be handed over to the poorest of the poor.

We are in preparation to level the ground for our Department to partner with Department of High Education & Training Community Colleges with SETAs for the purposes of localizing our skills development endeavour. People should be skilled and be certificated in accordance with the needs of their local economy so as to enhance sustainable livelihood. We will no longer deliver houses alone to our people - we will deliver skills too. This will enable our housing beneficiaries to have access to work and employment opportunities where they are. For instance, if we train people in the bakery business, they produce bread and sell to the local community at an affordable rate. By way of that example, Honourable Members would agree that we would not only have delivered houses, skills, bread, contributed to sustainable livelihoods, but we would have made a contribution in the reduction of carbon emissions associated with vehicles delivering bread into our communities. We will be contributing in work opportunities and job creation and give a meaningful definition to the existence of cooperatives. Our people will no longer depend on established retailers whose contribution in our people's lives is not necessarily traceable ngaphandle kokucwilisa abantu bakithi ezikweletini.

We are investigating initiatives where we will not only provide soul-less structures to our people, but homes that are in keeping with technological, spatial integration and environmental needs. The developments we envisage are places where people can live, learn, work and play.

Furthermore, most of our homes have children in school or at tertiary level who require access to the internet for their studies. We will work closely with our provincial and national structures to co-ordinate efforts to provide our children with access to broadband services. It is possible.

4.3 RADICAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND ACCELERATING EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH, WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

KwaZulu-Natal is characterized by high levels of youth unemployment, child-headed households, lack of skills, poverty, and inequality. Fifty percent of the population of four (4) out of the 11 Districts are unemployed women and youth. Women and youth in rural areas are confronted with challenges that include fewer opportunities for education and training, no industrial base for employment and business opportunities.

In addition to increasing internship and training opportunities for the youth, the Department is finalizing a panel of the designated groups to ensure they benefit through a 30% sub-contracting process.

The Department held a successful "Youth in Construction Summit" in December 2018 which brought all role players from across the construction spectrum and gave birth to the Siyakha Incubation Programme.

This Programme, which targets procurement to emerging businesses within the human settlements value chain, will be launched soon and will be implemented over a period of three (3) years. Its objective will be to ensure growth of emerging companies of the different categories of designated groups, more especially women, youth and people with disabilities.

The Department is compiling a dedicated database of companies owned by youth, women, people with disabilities and military veterans.

Allow me Madam Speaker to quote the real son of the soil who never misled his people by quoting good phrases and behaved like an empty vessel, but the one who practised what he preached.

May my eyes never see and my feet never take me to a society where half the people are held in silence. I hear the roar of women's silence. I sense the rumble of their storm and feel the fury of their revolt."

We will support the creation of new businesses owned by designated groups to manufacture windows, doors, tiles, glass, bricks, blocks, roof trusses and other building materials in partnership with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) and the Private Sector.

5. SERVING OUR CITIZENS WITH PRIDE TO RESTORE THEIR DIGNITY

In conclusion, through the programmes of the Human Settlements Department that we have outlined in the Budget Vote 8 we will work sparing neither strength nor courage for the renewal and the new dawn for our province

My words of gratitude to Honourable Pillay for the outstanding performance during his tenure as the MEC for Human Settlements. His contribution placed our Department on the national scale by being awarded the national Govan Mbeki Award for top performing Province for four consecutive years. Izandla zidlula ikhanda ngamagalelo akho Mhlonishwa Pillay.

I would also like to convey my sincere gratitude to the African National Congress and Premier of KwaZulu Natal Honourable Khuzeni for this opportunity to serve our people.

My words of appreciation to the Acting Head of Department, Senior Management and staff for excellent work done and which they will continue to do.

My family is always my comfort zone especially my mother Ma Jili. I want to acknowledge the love and support of my grandchildren Nkosinami, Ndondo and Mnotho, my son Steve and my daughters Sithabile and Sithembile, and my sister-in law Nzwaki. Their constant support and affection sustains me in the work I am called upon to do.

We aim to build on a remarkable track record and will work relentlessly confronting poverty, lack of adequate shelter, inequality and unemployment through the provision of inclusive human settlements and sustainable livelihoods.

I am pleased to table the 2019/20 budget of R4, 006,642 billion for KZN Human Settlements and request the Honourable Members of this House to support budget for Vote 8, in light of the initiatives and the deliverables of Human Settlements outlined in this report.

Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngekhaya!!!

I thank you. Ngiyabonga!

MEC Nkonyeni assists Gogo Mhlongo in her new home in Macambini Ward 2 in Mandeni.





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