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Honourable Deputy Speaker Themba Mthembu;
Honourable Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala;
Honourable Members of the Executive Council;
Honourable Chairperson Linda Hlongwa-Madlala
Honourable Members of the Human Settlements Portfolio Committee;
Honourable Members of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature;
Respected AmaKhosi;
The Head of Department and Officials;
Academia, Religious Leaders and Captains of Industry;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen;
Comrades and Compatriots;

Good afternoon

1. INTRODUCTION

Madam Speaker and honourable members, we are grateful that there are citizens who are following this sitting as we elaborate on our vision and plans to make our beautiful province, KwaZulu-Natal, prosperous, healthy, safe and warm for all its diverse peoples.

The period between the tabling of the budget vote and the end of the financial year 2021/22 is critical as we are celebrating 27 years of Freedom.

As Human Settlements, we are called upon to work tirelessly in the coming months to add meaning to the word freedom.

We commit to champion the cause of the majority of

our people who have been marginalised for decades by the evil system called apartheid.

It is important to say this because this department is critical in healing the wounds of the victims of the Group Areas Act, a piece of legislation which was created by the evil system of apartheid. In order to contextualize the importance of this Budget Vote, we need to be frank and speak with honesty about the following facts:-

Firstly, for years, the apartheid government was preoccupied with the programme of splitting racial groups up into different residential areas in towns and cities.





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Secondly, homelands were established as a way of dividing up the population into ethnic groupings. These remote, homelands were severely neglected with millions of people remaining isolated from basic amenities such as water and sanitation, electricity, recreational facilities and social infrastructure such as decent hospitals, schools, libraries and academic institutions.

Even after 27 years of our democracy, this flawed system of segregation has had serious implications for social and economic development, making it far more difficult for all of us to turn a blind eye to the fact that millions of our people remained trapped in the yoke of poverty.

Because the Groups Areas Act effectively prevented non-whites from owning properties or to even run their business within developed white owned areas, the majority of our people are still battling to participate in the mainstream economy.

The Pass Laws prevented so-called 'non-whites' from moving around freely, going out at night or working where they chose. Hostels and townships were created to temporarily house Africans who were only regarded as cheap labour.

Townships such as Wentworth, Chatsworth, Phoenix, Umlazi, KwaMashu, KwaMakhutha, Cator Manor, Hammarsdale and other townships were created not for human settlement but to allow for easy surveillance and monitoring of the people by the apartheid government.

The controlled movement of people resulted in the widespread lack of social cohesion and the culture of mistrust became entrenched in society. Africans suffered the most with the devastating consequences such as the breakdown of family life with many children growing up without the love and compassion of their parents.

Marriages of those who moved to urban areas collapsed because houses were available for rent only to a male head. In order to qualify for a house, couples had to produce their marriage certificate, while 'unmarried' parents and single women were forbidden.

African women were the hardest hit as they had very few or no legal rights, no access to education and no

right to own property. Also, jobs were often hard to find because their movements were controlled. But through the bold intervention of the ruling party, women now own property and title deed as a security of tenure.

Honourable Members, reflecting on our past is not aimed at opening up the wounds that are healing but it is aimed at emphasising the importance we attach to the Department of Human Settlements.

To effectively deal with the problem, we must all acknowledge the fact that many families were ripped apart because of segregation.

The trauma is still visible and it will take many years of hard work. Madam Speaker, as I address this house, I commit myself and hundreds of hard working men and women in the department to double our efforts to heal the wounds of those who were affected.

All categories of staff understand that in order to deal with the challenges of unemployment, poverty, food, burden of diseases, crime and all social ills, we must ensure that we prioritize the provision of human settlements.

There can be no debate that any human development in this province will be achieved through access to decent human settlements.

In his State of the Province Address, Premier Zikalala announced the implementation of the catalytic housing developments that will impact on the socio-economic landscape of our respective municipalities.

Since this announcement we have been moving with speed to ensure radical transformation of the housing landscape in this province with a greater focus on infrastructure development aligned with the work spearheaded through the Department of Public Works.

The Heads of Departments of Human Settlements and Public Works are ensuring close planning and execution of projects as demonstrated when we visited Dundee last week.

We monitored the construction of Dundee Secondary School with a budget of R41 million. We handed over to eNdumeni Local Municipality a modern community infrastructure. This is in the form of amenities required for their day-to-day living.





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We can report today that through this facility we have handed over, emerging entrepreneurs and women owned co-operatives in particular have access to tools of trade and equipment. These will help them to be self-sufficient and feed their families as part of navigating their way through COVID-19.

Honourable Members, it is true that every challenge has its lessons.

For us the tough times we have experienced since the pandemic, have reinforced re-engineering of service delivery.

Instead of a silo mentality and inter-departmental competition, today we see more integration as managers realize the value of cooperation for the attainment of set goals and collective Government achievement of service delivery targets.

As we move forward, Human Settlements and Public Works will continue to work together to facilitate the speedy collective co-ordination of all Infrastructure Programmes and Projects in the Province. In this regard, issues of Human Settlements will be an integral part of planning and execution of catalytic announced by the Premier and President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The most critical issue for us as Human Settlements is to ensure that these catalytic projects become a catalyst for the integration of communities that were previously segregated by the policies of the apartheid government.

Later on in my speech I will elaborate on the catalytic projects. But for now, I wish to cite few important catalytic projects that are helping in ensuring integration of communities.

The first one is the Bridge City.

This was carefully designed to ensure a combination of commercial, residential Town Centre and Business Estate to the north of Durban and it is set to attract more than R10 billion in public and private sector investment over the years.

Linked to the Bridge City is the R20 billion public transport system which include the modernisation of rail networks in Merebank, Rosburgh, KwaMashu, Umlazi, Berea, Springfield and the new Dube Tradeport incorporating the King Shaka International Airport.

Rail development will greatly expand the capacity of KwaZulu-Natal to transport the public to various destinations such as work, shopping malls – and especially the Dube Trade Port.

In an increasingly globalised world, the role of airports as attractors for investment and growth is increasing. This concept, known as the aerotropolis, airport region, or airport city, essentially recognises the role of airports as drivers for growth.

The Dube Trade Port, being a Greenfield site surrounded by a largely undeveloped area creates the opportunity to put in place a plan that responds and capitalises on the location of the airport. This work is championed by the Economic Development, Tourism and Environment, eThekweni Municipality and national government.

It is believed that airports will shape business location and urban development in the 21st century, just as highways did in the 20th century. A city growing around an airport will connect workers, suppliers, executives and goods to the global market place.

Dube Trade Port will contribute to some key economic objectives including creating an operating business environment conducive to growth and development. In this regard, we will continue to work with EDTEA and eThekweni Municipality on matters of human settlement.

A New wave of human settlements delivery **“to quicken the tempo to economic and job recovery.”**

Madam Speaker, as role-players in the property industry talk about the demand of properties linked to this infrastructure development, we will also work stakeholders such as Black Conveyancers Association and others to ensure that those people who were previously excluded from owning properties are afforded the opportunity to do so.

Equally, as Human Settlements we are supporting the programme of Rural Development. We share the believe that rural development will help to ensure that the people live in areas where people they could live with their families - work, access decent education and have access to quality healthcare. Rural development will also help solve migration to big cities where there is competition of land and accommodation.





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Having highlighted all these issues, we wish to state that we remain committed to **“to quicken the tempo to economic and job recovery.”** Our committed is focused on :-

- developing new SMART towns/cities not just building houses;
- eradicating the title deeds backlog;
- working with Department of Social Development and NGOs to address housing needs for victims of gender based violence;
- exploring the provision of water and sanitation through the provision of rainwater harvesting. Expand skills development, transfer of skills and exit strategy through the Expanded Works Programme (EPWP) and increase internship and

bursary programmes for the youth thus creating work opportunities;

- Encourage contractors to purchase SABS/ agreement certificate approved building materials from local suppliers ;
- targeting designated groups including youth, women, military veterans and persons with disabilities to enable a radical economic recovery from the impact of the pandemic in particular and the global economic crisis, in general; and
- promoting good governance and ethics.

Madam Speaker, the 2020/21 financial year was challenging as the Department experienced a total **budget reduction of R439, 148 million.**

2. BUDGET TO GROW KWAZULU-NATAL TOGETHER THROUGH SUSUTAINABLE HUMAN SETTLEMENT

This budget reduction forms part of National Government’s budget reprioritization in response to the pandemic. The Equitable Share Budget was reduced by R11, 443 million, the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) reduced by R358,294 million and the Title Deeds Restoration Grant was reduced by R69,406 million.

We have received an opinion from National Treasury stating that the Department of Human Settlements are not responsible for declaring irregular expenditure in its books, we removed R4.92 billion worth of irregular expenditure pertaining to human settlement projects wherein the SCM processes were done at municipalities. The reason being is that the Department did not transgress on any legislation as the municipalities are responsible for performing the SCM processes.

Notwithstanding the above, we are committed to the curtailment of irregular expenditure immaterial the sphere of government:-

- We issued policy communiques;

- With regards to new SCM processes we and Provincial Treasury review the SCM to ascertain if the process is regular; and
- In non-performing local municipalities we took over the developer functions.

To avert this from recurring, the Department developed an Audit Improvement Strategy, monitored by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

My task is easier in that the Head of Department and Chief Financial Officer always echo my emphasis on good, clean and ethical governance.

Honourable Chairperson, in proudly noting that the Department has yet again spent its full budget for the 2020/21 financial year amidst the global pandemic, I am honoured to share with my fellow citizens of KwaZulu-Natal the R 3, 5 billion (R3,597,231 billion) allocation to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements for the 2021/22 financial year.





2.1 BUDGET ALLOCATION PER GRANT

The total allocation for the Department of Human Settlements is as follows:-

Allocation	2021/22 R'000
Conditional Grant	
Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG)	2,455,021
Informal Settlements Upgrading Programme Grant((ISUPG)	714,375
Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)	7,149
Equitable Share	420,686
Total	3, 597, 231

2.2 CONDITIONAL GRANT ALLOCATION PER HOUSING INTERVENTION

The Conditional Grant allocated per housing intervention is as follows:

Intervention	2021/22 R'000	2022/23 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Financial	512,568	478,694	461,904
Incremental	1,461,192	1,448,263	1,572,343
Social and Rental	208,500	240,000	240,000
Rural	994,285	1,127,430	1,173,258
Total	3,176,545	3,294,387	3,447,505





2.3 CONDITIONAL GRANT ALLOCATION PER DISTRICT

The table below illustrates the allocations per district:

District Municipality	2021/22 R'000	2022/23 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Amajuba	375,665	270,712	252,146
eThekweni	900,303	968,935	972,768
Harry Gwala	155,768	124,934	114,308
iLembe	217,826	318,977	339,754
King Cetshwayo	202,304	204,872	193,160
uGu	179,825	143,461	167,953
uMgungundlovu	440,589	445,651	435,449
uMkhanyakude	88,419	144,626	192,188
uMzinyathi	87,277	162,249	203,601
uThukela	300,027	261,167	245,383
Zululand	228,542	248,803	330,795
Total	3,176,545	3,294,387	3,447,505

2.4 EQUITABLE SHARE ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMME

The Equitable Share allocated per Programme is as follows:

Programme	2021/22 R'000
1. Administration	243,127
2. Housing Needs, Research and Planning	19,460
3. Housing Development	111,443
4. Housing Assets Management, Property Management	46,656
Total	420,686

The Department always implements Treasury's cost-cutting measures strictly during the budget process. This results in the continued reduction in expenditure in various items relating to goods and services,

machinery and equipment. We have all pledged our commitment towards complying with Treasury Circular no. PT (2) of 2021/22, which updates us on the latest cost-cutting measures.





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3. DELIVERY FOOTPRINT ACROSS KWAZULU-NATAL “ASITHEMBISI SINGENZI”

Honourable Chairperson, our human settlements service delivery footprint is spread out in all the ten (10) District Municipalities and eThekweni Metro as illustrated in the Conditional Grant Allocation table mentioned earlier.

This is despite the budget reduction experienced and lockdown restrictions aimed to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. The current Administration has emphasized the need for tangible evidence of delivery across the Province.

The table below illustrates delivery in District Municipalities since the start of the 6th Administration:

District Municipality	2019/20- 2020/21	
	Units	Sites
Amajuba	836	2,325
eThekweni	4,667	663
Harry Gwala	1,775	32
iLembe	2,395	780
King Cetshwayo	1,040	3,345
uGu	3,400	0
uMgungundlovu	3,920	580
uMkhanyakude	2,132	618
uMzinyathi	1,619	3
uThukela	1,588	474
Zululand	2,692	1,970
Total	26,064	10,790

A summary of the Department’s performance for the 2020/21 financial year is as follows:

- 10,315 units;
- 4,838 serviced sites;
- 5,516 work opportunities; and
- 2,923 title deeds





The table below reflects delivery per subsidy instrument for the 2020/21 financial year:

Human Settlements Programme		Units	Sites
Integrated Residential Development Programme		1,717	4,321
Informal Settlement Upgrading			517
Housing Finance Linked Individual Subsidies [R3,501 – R22,000]		313	
Enhanced People's Housing Process		173	
Emergency Housing Assistance (OSS)		1,061	
Rural Housing: Communal Land Rights		6,624	
Military Veterans		0	
Consolidation Housing Programme		23	
Community Residential Units		404	
Number of Title Deeds Issued	2,923		
Maintenance	444		
Total	3,367	10,315	4,838
Total Housing Opportunities			18,520

4. WAVES OF CHANGE

Honourable Members when we talk about wave of change sikhuluma *Ngokhukhulelangoqo wezinguquko ezisheshayo ekuhlinzekeni ngezidingo-ngqangi kubantu bakithi.*

The Department is guided by the **United Nations General Assembly**, which adopted a New Urban Agenda in 2016 that aligns with Outcome 8 of the National Development Plan (NDP) regarding transforming human settlements and the space economy.

The **fiscal consolidation plan** directed by the Minister of Finance forces us to do things differently, “**more with less and faster**”.

We remain driven to do this **without compromising quality, standards and service delivery.**

Part of this drive is the provision of serviced sites which will have an incremental effect on more households having access to housing opportunities and assets creation through ownership of land and stimulating the property market.

Honourable Chairperson and members, we took a firm

decision to eradicate our housing backlogs in areas where previous pronouncements were made, over the years, for example Lamontville in eThekweni and Siyazama project in Nongoma.

To quicken the TEMPO in addressing economic recovery and job creation, through focusing on previously pronounced projects, the Department will focus on the following:

- Development of new towns and smart cities
- Medium to high density development
- Provision of land for self-built – serviced sites
- Upgrading of informal settlements

The days of isolated pockets of housing delivery are over. We are building new towns, not just houses and we stand firm that all new projects must include social amenities, such as community halls, sports grounds, schools, clinics.

In collaboration with other sector departments, we must create conducive opportunities in an endeavour to embrace Radical Economic Transformation (RET) thus ensuring sustainability of the newly created smart towns and cities.





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When delivering his SOPA, The Honourable Premier made a commitment in the delivery of mega catalytic projects in KwaZulu-Natal namely:- Johnston Blaaubosch Cavan (JBC) Development in Newcastle Local Municipality; and Empangeni Housing Project

in the City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality. The Department is moving ahead with the implementation of these catalytic projects. Such projects will contribute significantly in terms of improvement to people's lives when completed.

5. IZINHLELO ZIKAKHUKHULELANGOQO EZISHESHAYO EKUHLINZEKENI NGEZIDINGO-NGQANGI KUBANTU BAKITHI”

We will continue to strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders and holistically create sustainable livelihoods through transformed human settlements.

The Department has strengthened its participation in the District Development Model (DDM) structures.

Our partaking in the DDM structures will ensure that our human settlements projects are undertaken in an integrated and sustainable manner with all stakeholders thus implementing the One Plan-One Budget as emphasised by our President, Cyril Ramaphosa.

The **22 gazetted Priority Housing Development Areas** aligned to the Department's Master Spatial Plan will ensure that government investment is maximized thus realising the achievement of economic and social transformation.

This will happen with the planning and implementation of human settlements programmes. This process is taking us closer to One - Plan - One Budget for each geographic area.

The gazetted areas are as follows:

District/ Metro Municipality	District/ Metro Municipality	District/ Metro Municipality
eThekweni	eThekweni	(1) eThekweni Inner City Node (2) uMlazi/Austerville (3)uMhlanga/Cornubia/Mawothi/Kwamashu (4) Greater Mpumalanga (5) Greater Cato Manor-uMkumbaan
iLembe	KwaDukuza	(6) Ballito/Shakaskraal Development Area (7) KwaDukuza Town/Hyde Park-Nonoti Area
uThungulu	City of uMhlathuze	(8) Empangeni (9) Richards Bay (10) Esikhaleni Vulindlela Corridor
uMgungundlovu	Msunduzi	(11) Edendale (12) Mzunduzi North and East Development Areas
uThukela	Alfred Duma	(13) Ladysmith Urban Development Area
uMkhanyakude	Jozini	(14) Jozini Urban Development Node (15) Mkuze Urban Development Node
Ugu	Ray Nkonyeni	(16) Greater Port Shepstone N2/R102 Corridor PHDA (17) Gamalakhe Nositha PHDA (18) Uvongo-Margate PHDA (19) Shelly Beach PHDA
Zululand	uLundi	(20) uLundi Peri Urban Integration
Amajuba	Newcastle	(21) Newcastle Priority Development Area
Harry Gwala District Municipality	Kokstad	(22) Kokstad Town





5.1 CATALYTIC PROJECTS

Honourable Chairperson, as alluded earlier that we will **quicken the tempo towards economic recovery and job creation**, we are committed to ensuring that all our catalytic projects materialise into smart towns/cities.

During his State of the Nation Address in 2019, President Ramaphosa announced the following, I quote, "Has the time not arrived for us to be **bold and reach beyond ourselves and do what may seem impossible?** Has the time not arrived to **build a new smart city founded on the technologies** of the Fourth Industrial Revolution."

We in KwaZulu-Natal had already conceptualised this vision for all our mega catalytic projects way back in 2011 with Cornubia being the first post-apartheid integrated project.

The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Dr Lindiwe Sisulu in a meeting with the construction sector, highlighted the Cornubia development as a "catalyst to large scale integrated development".

The development now includes factories, offices parks, malls, schools and many more amenities that supplements homes constructed in the area. This is what we mean when we talk of building towns and cities and not just houses. Previously disadvantaged people and people of mixed race are now integrated.

The planning and implementation of the eight (8) catalytic projects (*Cornubia- 28 000 units, Umlazi Urban Regeneration- 12 000 units, eThekweni Inner City- 8387 units, KwaMashu Bridge City-27 875 units and Amaoti Greater- 20 000 units in eThekweni Metro; Johnston Blaaubosch Cavan- 9 511 units in Newcastle, Empangeni Mega Housing Project- 10 000 units in uMhlathuze and Hyde Park-4 600 units in KwaDukuza*) plays an integral role in giving effect to our infrastructure master plan.

These large-scale catalytic projects add to the Department's machinery towards developing integrated settlements where people can **live, work, worship and play**. The total expected yield of these projects over a multi-year period is 114,460 units.

As I mentioned earlier, these catalytic projects are competing with the other policy instruments, for example rural housing, due to the rural nature of the Province and are therefore implemented in a phased basis. We acknowledge the delays in the implementation of flagship projects especially Cornubia where housing delivery is behind schedule due to various reasons.

Moving forward the Department will take over the developer role in order to fast track the project. Furthermore, the Department will explore Public-Private Partnerships development to fast track affordable housing in catalytic projects.

5.2 INTEGRATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Honourable Chairperson, we view Integrated Residential Development Projects (IRDP) as key instruments towards spatial transformation and enhancing social cohesion through sustainable development. This is a view I wish to stress especially today as the world commemorates the "Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development".

All projects undertaken in terms of the IRDP programme are ensuring radical departure from apartheid group areas planning and development for specific race groups only. These projects will result in a variety of housing typologies for various income groups including social amenities.





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5.3 UPGRADING OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AND NEW URBAN AGENDA

Honourable Members, the management of informal settlements and the promotion of urban development remains our key focus area.

KwaZulu-Natal has an estimated 937 informal settlements with an estimated 393,167 informal dwellings. The majority of the informal settlements (73%) are concentrated within the eThekweni Metropolitan area due to it being an economic driver in the province followed by uMgungundlovu District Municipality at 15%.

There are currently 112 informal settlements upgrade

projects in planning addressing various informal settlement areas within the Province and 23 projects will be servicing sites and this will yield approximately 10 000 serviced sites resulting in 10 000 households benefitting from permanent services.

The ring-fenced funding of R714 million is allocated towards the upgrading of informal settlements in this financial year and will be used for the following:-

- Land Acquisition = R91 million
- Planning = R167 million
- Installation of Services = R456 million

5.4 ERADICATION OF TRANSIT CAMPS

Honourable Chairperson, following on the footsteps of my predecessors, I have also committed to expedite the decommissioning of the unacceptably high number of the existing transit camps in eThekweni Municipality.

These temporary residential structures have remained an eyesore and an embarrassment. In effect, they are a total contradiction to the humane and caring characteristic that our Government is renowned for.

Several strides have been made to make good on our undertaking to eradicate these temporary structures. Of the 71 transit camps, the Department together with the eThekweni Municipality has made a firm commitment to eradicate 45 transit camps during the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 financial years.

This will be in addition to the 17 transit camps that were eradicated in the five-year period between 2013 and 2018.

Honourable members of this august house, the mere mention of the transit camp in our lexicon has always conjured up the unsightly and squalid image of the infamous Isiphingo Transit Camp in Ward 90.

The Isiphingo Transit Camp was born of the eThekweni Municipality's attempts to attending to various disasters that had occurred roundabout 2009 and also to relocate people that had illegally occupied municipal land that needed to be used for infrastructure development for 2010 Soccer World Cup stadiums.

Honourable Chairperson, I am pleased to inform this House that the Department, working with eThekweni Municipality, has been able to buy land in nearby Kanku Road in Isiphingo. This is where a new housing project is currently under construction with an expected yield of 300 sites. It is currently at bulk and internal services installation stage.

The majority of the beneficiaries of this new project will be relocated from Isiphingo Transit Camp thus affirming our commitment and resolve of restoring the pride and dignity of our people.

Honourable Members, this is no mean feat but a huge leap of confidence. It indeed confirms that yesterday will not be the same as today in as much as tomorrow will never be the same as today.





The new Kanku Road Housing Project underpins our resolve that our definition of human settlements is that people cannot be moved away from the areas they have grown accustomed to and which are closer to their workplaces, schools, etc.

The Department continues to link transit camps to prospective projects and provide a planned and concerted approach towards restoring dignity to these residents' lives.

5.5 SERVICED SITES

This programme is looking at increasing the supply of housing opportunities by providing serviced sites with title deeds to qualifying beneficiaries, thus allowing them to build their own homes. Various land parcels have been identified for servicing of sites and once completed, sites will be allocated to qualifying beneficiaries to allow them to build their own homes.

The Department has approved a policy which allows for people earning between R22 001 and R40 000 to benefit from government projects at fair market prices.

A total of 884 sites have been serviced and will be disposed of in the 2021/22 financial year.

The sites are as follows:

District Municipality	Local Municipality	Project Name	Yield
uThukela	Inkosi Langalibalele	Wembezi B	309
	Alfred Duma	Acacia 250	100
King Cetshwayo	City of uMhlathuze	Brackenham and Aquadene	70
		Empangeni IRDP Mega Project	405

The Department continues to work towards the implementation of a further 6 682 sites, currently in the pipeline at various stages of planning for income category of R 22 001.00 and R 40 000.00. These projects are located across various municipalities including Endumeni, eThekweni, Alfred Duma, uMdoni, uMlalazi, uMsinga and Greater Kokstad.

strategically located for the implementation of the Serviced Sites Programme in order to address the gap housing market.

The Department will drastically increase the provision of serviced sites, in the 2021/22 financial year. We have targeted to deliver 13 965 serviced sites, in comparison to 4 838 serviced sites delivered in the previous financial year.

Our efforts do not end there. We are continuing with the identification of more land parcels that are

5.6 SOCIAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS (CRUs)

Honourable Chair and Members, we are expanding our footprint for affordable rental housing beyond the urban centres. There are 22 857 rental housing units in the pipeline geared towards affordable Social Housing

and Community Residential Units (CRUs). The Social Housing instrument will yield a total of 16 399 units and the CRU instrument will yield 6 458 units.





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I would like to sincerely extend my gratitude to the Honourable Premier for gracing the launch of iNhlalakahle Community Residential Units (CRUs) in Ward 7, Greytown in uMvoti Local Municipality on the 05th of March 2021.

During this financial year we intend to deliver 400 units through the CRU Programme in the following four local municipalities:

- Msunduzi Local Municipality - Jika Joe CRU (200 units currently under completion);

- Newcastle Local Municipality - N11 (100 units);
- Greater Kokstad Local Municipality - Kokstad CRU (50 units);
- uBuhlebezwe Local Municipality - uBuhlebethu CRU (50 units)

Firm commitments have been made by the Department in the following projects that are at different stages. Some are completed, undergoing pre-feasibility studies and others are in the planning stages.

No	Stage	District Municipality	Local Municipality	Project Name	Planned units
1	Complete	uMkhanyakude	Jozini	Ndumo CRU	150
2	Complete	eThekwini	eThekwini Metro	Umlazi T CRU	48
3	Construction	Amajuba	Newcastle	N11 CRU	540
4	Construction	uMgungundlovu	Msunduzi	Jika Joe CRU	1164
5	Construction	Harry Gwala	Greater Kokstad	Kokstad CRU	300
6	Construction	Harry Gwala	Ubuhlebezwe	Ubuhlebethu CRU	150
7	Construction	iLembe	KwaDukuza	Rocky Park CRU	350
8	Pre-Feasibility	Harry Gwala	Greater Kokstad	Shayamoya CRU	300
9	Planning	uMkhanyakude	Jozini	Mkhuze CRU	180
10	Planning	Zululand	uPhongolo	uPhongola CRU	500
11	Planning	Harry Gwala	UMzimkhulu	Mzimkhulu CRU	300
12	Planning	eThekwini	eThekwini Metro	Donnelley Road CRU	128
					3960

In the next three years effective from the current financial year, the following Social Housing projects will be implemented.

- In Newcastle Municipality - Hospital Street Social Housing (1056 units)
- In eThekwini Municipality - Bridge City Towers Social Housing (1 130 units).

Social Housing is expected to deliver 200 units in the Bridge City Towers in eThekwini Municipality. A number of other **Social Housing Projects** are

currently being packaged across approved Provincial Restructuring Zones and more delivery is expected going forward.

To mention a few, in the City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality, two Social Housing institutions have been appointed to package the Aquadene and Dumisani Makhaye social housing projects. Ultimately, these two projects will yield a total of 2420 new units. Construction is expected to commence during the 2022/23 financial year.





In Bridge City under eThekweni Municipality, three (3) Social Housing Projects will be developed and will yield a total of 2367 new units. Construction for the first project is expected to start in the 2021/22 financial year.

Another Social Housing project within eThekweni Municipality is the Inner City project which is expected

to commence during the 2022/23 financial year, with a potential yield of 821 new units.

Other municipalities like Alfred Duma, KwaDukuza, and Msunduzi are at advanced stage of appointing Social housing Institutions that will see more social housing projects being implemented.

5.7 AFFORDABLE HOUSING - FINANCE LINKED INDIVIDUAL SUBSIDY PROGRAMME (FLISP)

Madam Chair, FLISP is a key focus area for the achievement of urban development. In order to increase the supply of middle-income market housing to meet the high demand, the Department is engaging with private sector developers and other stakeholders inclusive of financial institutions and large employers.

Furthermore, greater emphasis is on Integrated Residential Development Projects (IRDP) to deliver service sites for people in the affordable market. The uptake of this programme has increased due to the

development and implementation of a communication strategy. The target for 2021/22 financial year is to provide 726 subsidies, which has vigorously increased from 306 delivered in the 2020/21 financial year.

The Department's intervention of extensively communicating FLISP drew interest from members of the public towards this programme. More information on this programme can be accessed through FLISP Helpdesk: (031) 319 3800 and e-mail: flisp@kzndhs.gov.za.

5.8 RURAL INTERVENTIONS INCLUDING FARM DWELLERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Honourable Members, as you all know - the KZN landscape is predominantly rural. About 51% of the population reside in rural areas particularly on Ingonyama Trust Land.

It is for these reasons that provision of rural housing remains a priority.

In the 2020/21 financial year we delivered 6,624 houses through the Rural Housing Programme.

We have targeted to improve the living conditions of 7,095 more households in rural areas in 2021/22 including working closely with Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Economic Development in creating vibrant rural communities.

Honourable Chairperson, I would like to thank Amakhosi and the Ingonyama Trust Board for their cooperation and support in fast-tracking delivery of houses in rural areas.

To hit the ground running, in the fortnight of my assuming the portfolio as the MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works I, together with the Ilembe District Development Model Political Hub jointly officiated at the hand over a house to 60 year-old Gogo Thandiwe Shwobede in iSithebe, Mandeni Local Municipality. This house was built by young people who acquired skills through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Skills Development Programme in various construction modules which I am going to detail later on.





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Despite the greatest strides made in providing shelter to our rural communities, there remains one vulnerable group of people who continue to live squalor conditions without security of tenure. These are farm dwellers, the majority of whom eke out a living as farm labour tenants.

The Department will continue to provide decent shelter in the form of agri-villages for our farm dweller communities. We remain committed to improving the livelihoods and living conditions of these citizens despite challenges of land owners resisting to release land.

The challenge faced by Government in improving farm dwellers' living conditions is not only confined to human settlement development but extend to the provision of basic services like water, electricity and access roads. Change of ownership between farm owners also pose a challenge to execute projects that had been at an advanced stage of implementation.

Coupled with the aforementioned challenges is that of farm dwellers who are beneficiaries of the Government's Restitution and Land Reform Programmes. By virtue of the beneficiaries enjoying equal communal ownership of the property they are residing in, it becomes difficult to get an overwhelming consensus to implement the Department's Farm Dwellers Assistance Programme policy instrument to build houses for farm dwellers.

Honourable Chairperson, despite these challenges we successfully implemented a Farm Dwellers Assistance Programme in Willowdale, Greater Kokstad Municipality, wherein 83 units were handed over with title deeds to the respective beneficiaries. This is good story to tell whereby a farm owner provide a portion of his land to his employees. I was moved by this and I want to encourage all other farmers, throughout the Province, to follow suite and create a harmonise living condition for their farm dwellers who have worked and lived in their farms for generations.

5.9 FAST-TRACKING TITLE DEEDS TO ALLEVIATE ASSET POVERTY

The eradication of the title deeds backlog on government-subsidised housing and the promotion of security of tenure is a Medium Term Strategic Framework priority.

The Department is fast tracking the issuing of title deeds not only to facilitate homeowners' entry into the economy but also to provide dignity of full ownership. We have issued 981 title deeds through the Title Deeds Restoration Programme in 2020/21.

Honourable Chairperson, in the last financial year we were unable to achieve our target due to Covid-19 lockdown regulations barring us from doing door-to-door beneficiary verifications as an initial requirement prior to the conveyancing process including delays in township establishment due to land legal issues. I can assure you that I have not eased my foot off the accelerator in ensuring that the title deeds backlog is fast-tracked as I have come across a number of people voicing their dissatisfaction that they waited for years to receive their title deeds.

In my first one hundred days of assumption as MEC for the Human Settlements and Public Works I have shared the joy of handing out 2 499 title deeds to

homeowners in four local municipalities:

- Greater Kokstad Local Municipality - 83;
- Mandeni Local Municipality - 1 283;
- Mooi Mpofana Local Municipality - 150 and
- eNdumeni Local Municipality - 983.

One of the touching stories was when the Department in conjunction with the eThekweni Mayor handed over a title deed to a centenarian (107yrs) Gogo Majalimani Zungu who lives in Ntuzuma F.

I am in the process of establishing a Task Team that will work around the clock to speed up the issuing of title deeds so that we can play a significant role in enhancing asset ownership. In the 2021/22 financial year, we target to deliver 10 949 title deeds throughout the Province as opposed to the target of 2 923 title deeds delivered in the 2020/21 financial year.

The rolling out of a robust Communication and Media Strategy is contributing significantly to the Department's concerted efforts to eradicate the title deeds backlog. I would like to use this opportunity to highlight our Title Deeds Helpdesk for enquiries: (031) 319 3800 and e-mail: titledeeds@kzndhs.gov.za.





5.10 PROVISION OF HOUSING TO THE VULNERABLE THROUGH OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE PROGRAMME

Honourable Chairperson, life-changing human stories behind service delivery provide tangible evidence that “houses, security & comfort” is not a mere catch phrase; nor is “Growing KwaZulu-Natal Together” simply a communication pitch by the provincial government.

As we are celebrating the year of uMama Charolette Maxeke who devoted her life to women empowerment and equality I am proud to announce that Human Settlements is committed to providing housing to the most vulnerable (elderly/ disabled/ child-headed households/military veterans).

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In honour of uMama Charlotte Maxeke the Department handed over a house to a centenarian (106-year old) Gogo Evelyn Mokoena at Skorobheni in Dannhauser Local Municipality in Amajuba District.

Recently, I handed over a house to a 93 years Gogo Danisile Hlongwa in Mophela Area in Hammarsdale who is a pensioner looking after her 14 grandchildran. We will preserve and continue to prioritise the vulnerable groups for housing.

This is yet another life-changing story showing our commitment to continue addressing the plight of our people and uplifting them from poverty.

Through the focussed interventions of Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) we have delivered 775 units in the 2020/21 financial year.

Honourable Chairperson, the Department has developed a database for vulnerable groups (disabled people, child-headed households, elderly). To date 2,900 people with different vulnerabilities have been identified for priority housing through the OSS programme.

5.11 EMERGENCY HOUSING IN DISASTER-HIT AREAS

Given the challenges associated with climate change, our province is prone to flood risks and disaster. We are responding to all proclaimed disaster in the province in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Centre. Our basket for assistance to all disaster-affected households includes the following:-

- Temporary residential units
- Repairs and rehabilitation of houses affected
- Provision of building material
- Permanent structure for demolished houses

My team and I visited 85-year old Gogo Nakeni Gumbi

in Ward 14 in uPhongolo Local Municipality last week after her makeshift home was destroyed in a fire. I promised Gogo Gumbi and her family of 13 that a new home will be built for them before the end of this month.

I am proud to report that the house is already at wall plate level. There are no empty promises when it comes to restoring dignity of destitute and vulnerable families.

In the 2020/21 financial year, we have delivered 286 units that were affected by disaster.





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5.11 MILITARY VETERANS

The Department remains committed to providing housing to our Military Veterans. We have re-energised our efforts in conjunction with National Department of Human Settlements, Department of Military Veterans and various Military Veterans formations to quicken the

tempo of delivering houses for the military veterans. We have planned to deliver 304 units with funds already set aside and engage with all municipalities to prioritise sites for allocation of military veteran beneficiaries within the existing projects.

5.12 EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP)

Honourable Chairperson, the Expanded Public Works Programme is an integral cog in the department's service delivery programmes. In the 2020/21 financial year, the target of 5 000 work opportunities was exceeded by 516 despite Covid-19 lockdown that impacted in the construction industry. A total of 5 516 work opportunities (1,765 for women, 2,658 for youth and 27 for persons with disabilities) were created through EPWP intervention. These work opportunities are from 90 housing projects implemented in all districts. Furthermore, the Department trained 140 EPWP training participants in various trades in the construction sector.

The EPWP training approach is structured such that the targeted group is engaged into formal and accredited skills programme; active participation in the practical construction site and at the end of their involvement in the construction site, they are capacitated on business/entrepreneurial skills as an exit strategy.

It gave me great pleasure when I handed over certificates to learners from Mandeni Local Municipality who graduated through the EPWP Skills Development Programme (such as bricklaying, plastering, roofing and carpentry). The EPWP training participants were provided with an NQF level 3 certificate of competency and working tools of trade.

As an exit strategy, we ensure they are given work opportunities through employment by contractors and sub-contractors in the various projects.

In the 2021/22, the Department has targeted 5 500 work opportunities to be created and training of 200 participants in the various trade in the construction sector. The Department will in the forthcoming years expand its EPWP initiatives on programme interventions relating to the enhancement of housing projects; addressing the backlog of rainwater harvesting; the maintenance programme for Hostels and CRU's and the Rectification Programme.

5.14 DESIGNATED GROUPS AT THE CORE OF RADICAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION (RET) IN THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CHAIN

Honourable Chairperson, we remain resolute in our effort towards radically transforming the economy to ensure that all previously disadvantaged groups are part of the economy. To this end, the Department has appointed a panel of 346 emerging companies to be

allocated construction work, in line with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act of 2017.

Honourable Chairperson, our focus during this financial year will be on Construction Industry Development





Board (CIDB) Grade 1 and 2 businesses. We intend to allocate work to CIDB Grade 3 to 4 companies in the panel.

The 346 companies are made up as follows: **109 youth, 129 women, 101 black males, 2 disabled and 5 military veterans**. The Construction and Industry Board (CIDB) grading is comprised of 144 CIDB Grade 1 and 202 CIDB Grade 2-4 companies.

The Department is forging ahead to ensure that these designated groups benefit throughout the housing value chain process including construction, material and equipment supply processes.

In recognition of the Province's age demographics and the high unemployment rate, we are placing the youth

at the forefront of development. This is rightly so since we are a youthful province.

There will be emphasis on utilising local businesses to source the aforementioned building material particularly where housing projects are being implemented. Training, capacity building and skills development initiatives will be undertaken over a three-year period commencing this financial year.

I am pleased to announce that the Department has budgeted an amount of R153 million towards training and allocation of work to designated groups. In the 2022/23 financial year, we will focus on business support and mentorship, geared through marketing, networking and linking of companies with Implementing Agents.

5.14 HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

We remain steadfast in our commitment towards training and development of our young lions and lioness in the Built Environment Sector. The Department has appointed 30 Interns for a period of two years commencing in November 2020 and 20 Work Integrated Learners (WILL).

These learners are appointed to gain work place experience which will enable to apply for vacant

position in the private and government sector.

Furthermore, the Department have appointed 36 youth graduates for a period of 12 months. The objective of this programme is to create a pool of skilled professional graduates in the Built Environment (Civil and Structural Engineering, Quantity Surveying, Town and Regional Planning, Building and Environmental management).

5.15 VICTIMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE NEED TO BE SHIELDED

Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBV&F) is a pandemic that needs all our interventions in order to stop its spread. Shelters can only accommodate victims of domestic violence for 12 months and they are then forced to go back to the violent homes in most cases.

The Department in conjunction with the Department of Social Development and Non-Governmental Organisation is exploring the provision of housing to victims of domestic violence after they leave shelters.





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5.16 HOUSING CONSUMER EDUCATION

Honourable Members, Housing Consumer Education is an integral part of the Department's programme of action. This programme is utilised to educate our communities on the various housing programmes, land tenure, house maintenance and COVID 19 awareness.

To this effect, despite lockdown restrictions we have reached 3,453 housing beneficiaries in all districts. Moving forward we anticipate to expand our scope and reach 5,075 housing beneficiaries.

5.17 KWAZULU-NATAL ELIMINATION AND PREVENTION OF SLUMS ACT

I wish to turn my focus to another important matter.

The KwaZulu-Natal Elimination and Prevention of Slums Act of 2007 is currently being amended. The KwaZulu-Natal Elimination and Prevention of Slums Amendment Bill of 2020 has been referred to the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature and has been presented at various forums. The amendment bill addresses only the section which was declared in conflict with the Constitution by the Constitutional Court. However, the remainder of the original legislation remains in force and valid.

During February and March 2021, Public Hearings were held and it is hoped that the amendment Bill will be finalized in the 2021/2022 financial year.

We hope by addressing the constitutionality through amendment we can ensure that we concentrate our efforts on enforcing the original legislation and fostering good co-operation with stakeholders and municipalities to ensure the elimination of slums in the Province.

5.18 COVID-19 INTERVENTIONS

Honourable Chairperson, we are all well aware that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone. The Department of Human Settlements was not immune. We have joined hands, rolled up our sleeves and put our shoulders to the wheel to minimise the effect of Covid-19, particularly to communities residing on densely populated settlements like hostels, informal settlements and transit camps through the sensitization programme.

Together with the Honourable Premier and other members of the Executive, the Department launched an Informal Settlements Sanitisation Programme at

iNyoni Informal Settlements in Mandeni Municipality in April last year.

The programme was then extended to other areas like Newcastle, Mkhuze, uMvoti, Jika-Joe and Sacca Informal Settlements in Msunduzi Municipality as well as in Masinenge in Ray Nkonyeni Municipality.

At this stage, I wish to pay tribute to members of our Human Settlements team who regrettably succumbed to COVID-19 and other causes during the 2020/21 financial year.





We will never forget the selfless contributions made by the late:

- Mr Vumani Ndlovu [Product Development];
- Mr Siyabonga Mkhize [Property Management];
- Mr Sibusiso Dlamini [Rental Housing Tribunal];
- Mr Xolani Nkosi [General Administration & Auxiliary Services]; and
- Mr Cabangani Dube [Property Management].

We have also lost colleagues and friends from District and Local Municipalities who were all part of the Human Settlements family.

Our prayers remain with their families. Those we have lost expect us not to falter in our quest to improve the lives of the ones who remain.

6. GOOD GOVERNANCE

Honourable Members, The Department always placed great emphasis on the promotion of good governance, accountability and best practices within the service delivery environment.

The review of the Enterprise Risk Management Strategy ensured the development of a comprehensive COVID-19 risk register to complement the directives of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Business Continuity Strategy in managing the effects of the pandemic in the workplace.

The review and implementation of the Department's Fraud Prevention Strategy demonstrates the Department's commitment to zero tolerance to fraud, corruption and maladministration of public funds.

Of critical importance to the Department is the implementation and monitoring of the approved Internal Audit Plan that ensures measures, processes, systems and controls are effectively managed to support the achievement of a clean audit outcome in line with the Department's five-year strategic outcome.

7. SUMMARY OF DELIVERABLES FOR 2021/22

In line with the budget received from the National fiscus, the Department will deliver the following in the 2021/22 financial year:-

- 11,345 housing units to be delivered through a range of subsidy programmes in the housing code vs the revised target 10 036 for the 2020/21 financial year;

- 13,965 serviced sites vs the revised target of 3 952 for the 2020/21 financial year
- 726 finance-linked subsidies
- 200 Social housing
- 400 CRU's
- 10 949 Title Deeds





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8. CONCLUSION

Honourable Chairperson, as part of a countdown to 27 years of Freedom and Democracy celebrations on the 27th April 2022, we will visit and pay tribute to the veterans and families of fallen heroes of our struggle for freedom.

These are ordinary men and women who stood up to fight apartheid and were armed with little more than their love for humanity and their desire to live in, and be part of a free and democratic society.

We need continuously to remind ourselves that this freedom belongs to the ordinary people of our country. We pay tribute to all those, whose efforts and sacrifices resulted in the creation of the democratic dispensation that this Government represents.

As I table this Budget Vote I am consciously aware that I represent the new generation of leaders whose task is to add meaning to Freedom and Democracy.

I pause to express my deepest appreciation to my predecessor, Honourable Peggie Nkonyeni for laying a solid foundation.

I am indebted to the Honourable Chairperson and members of the Human Settlement Portfolio Committee. I appreciate your ongoing support and guidance.

To the Head of Department and his team, once again thank you for your commitment, dedication and hard

work in ensuring that we deliver on our key mandate.

I would also like to record my sincere appreciation to my pillar of support, my beloved wife and family for their patience, understanding and consistent support and encouragement.

To my organisation, the African National Congress, our President Cyril Ramaphosa, our Premier and Provincial Chairperson Sihle Zikalala, I remain extremely humble and gracious for the opportunity given to me and will ensure that delivery to our citizens is prioritised.

In conclusion, Honourable Chairperson and members of the house, as our former President Thabo Mbeki, who was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland 21 years ago, once said: **“Gloom and despondency have never defeated adversity. Trying times need courage and resilience. Our strength as a people is not tested during the best of times.”**

Malungu eSishayamthetho ahloniphekile, njengoba umongo nengqikithi yesiFundazwe sakithi ithi Sikhulisa isiFundazwe Ngokuhlanganyela, nathi singuMnyango wezokuHlaliswa kwaBantu sizozinisekisa izinguquko ezisheshayo ekuhlinzekeni ngezidingo-ngqangi kubantu bakithi.

UMUNTU NGUMUNTU NGEKHAYA.

Thank you. Ngiyabonga!

Restoring dignity and pride with youth, women and persons with disabilities at the core of all programmes





Quotable Quotes

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As Human Settlements, we are called upon to work tirelessly in the coming months to add meaning to the word freedom.

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We commit to champion the cause of the majority of our people who have been marginalised for decades by the evil system called the apartheid. It is important to say this because this department is critical in healing the wounds of the victims of the Group Areas Act, a piece of legislation which was created by the evil system of apartheid.

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The most critical issue for us as government is to ensure that such catalytic projects becomes catalysts for the integration of communities that were previously segregated by the policies of the apartheid government. We are in an epoch where we have realized that although significant progress has been made since 1994, notably through the introduction of a democratic system unfortunately broad-based and complete economic transformation is yet to be achieved.

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As the department we commit to double our efforts to alter skewed economic patterns which have, for centuries, seen the majority of our people pushed to the periphery and denied the economic opportunities.





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