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TRANSITIONAL EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES
ALMOST COMPLETE**

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MORE MASS CARE CENTRES SHUT DOWN AS MORE TEA FACILITIES OPEN UP

This week saw a remarkable incremental of the shutting down of Mass Care Centres that had been sheltering the April and May floods displaced communities coupled with the finalisation of most lease agreements for the Transitional Emergency Accommodation (TEAs) facilities that will provide decent shelter in the interim for the displaced floods victims.

To date about 60 Mass Care Centres remain in eThekweni Municipality which was the epicentre of the April and May floods disaster. This is almost half of the initial Mass Care Centres that had been set up immediately in the aftermath of the disaster.

Due to the slow pace of delivery in terms of the Temporary Residential Units and the pressure to remove people from halls, Government is now proceeding with the establishment of TEAs as an alternative to mass rollout of TRUs.

The breakdown of the proposed 15 TEA buildings and one vacant piece of land with platforms is as follows:

- 3 Public Owned
- 9 Privately Owned
- 1 SHI Owned
- 1 NPO Owned and 1 Parastatal owned



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In Msunduzi Municipality, an alternative solution to the TEA is being explored with one family from the Truro Hall having been relocated to a Government-owned house in nearby Copesville.

At the Mbheduka Mass Care Centre in eThekweni Municipality, two of the three families that were sheltered at the community hall have been relocated to two TRUs as well as other two families in Savannah Park who also moved to two TRUs.

To date, 1 521 Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) have been completed in the Province to ensure that thousands of families who were displaced by the April 2022 floods are provided with decent homes. The TRUs. 1 440 of which are occupied thus far, is a temporary solution whilst permanent housing developments are also being steadfastly worked on.

Of the completed TRUs, 81 remained unoccupied in KwaDukuza Municipality in Ilembe District as internal services such as water and sanitation are currently being installed

As the shift moves to sheltering the displaced floods victims at Transitional Emergency Accommodation facilities, the Department working closely with its entity, the Housing Development Agency and eThekweni Municipality is on the brink of concluding lease agreements with service providers of TEA facilities by end of October

The initial allocation of TRUs have already been completed in Ilembe, King Cetshwayo, uMkhanyakude and uMzinyathi Districts with Ilembe now implementing the second allocation

The Department of Human Settlement is now at the tail end of the initial 1 860 TRUs planned as buildable with the remaining 289 about to be completed. This number is derived from the initial of 1 646 homeless households.

Thus far, over R82,3 million has been paid to service providers. Close to a further R6,3 million is being processed for payment.



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Some of the significant milestones of the above expenditure include 1 226 TRU slab foundations that have been cut with 1 164 at wall plates level and 1 114 having been completed.

The Province is almost close to spending R112 million of the first tranche of the allocated R325 million from National Treasury

The availability of suitable land remains a challenge that is impeding the resettling of floods victims thus adversely affecting the rebuilding work. The Department is committed to linking land to the shelters where people are currently being temporarily housed in.

Almost all the eight land parcels linked to permanent housing solution have been handed over to service providers to begin the initial preparatory phase for the construction of permanent houses

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