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BY JULY 2022**

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Despite adverse weather conditions and the challenge of availability of suitable land, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements remains resolute in completing 1171 Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) by July 2022.

To date, 146 TRUs have been completed across the Province. Expenditure thus far on TRU construction stands at just over R483 million.

The Department, working together with Local Municipalities is embarking on short, medium and long term interventions to ensure that alternative and suitable accommodation for affected families are found. Most of these affected families are from informal areas that are not suitable for development.

Of the 64 mass care centres which have been used to temporarily house affected families, 38 have been linked with possible land parcels. These land parcels are from the National and Provincial Department of Public Works and total 78 hectares. Detailed assessments will follow and the land, once released by Public Works through Power of Attorney, will have an impact on 3385 people who were affected by the floods.

Physical verification of 199 serviced sites within eThekweni Metro has been completed and 65 sites were found to be suitable for development of a permanent housing solution. Necessary



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assessments are also to be conducted on privately-owned land with a potential total yield of 1172 units.

A social facilitator is being attached to each mass care centre to identify affected families who have their own sites available to construct units.

The Department is ready to issue orders for material vouchers once the list of beneficiaries and areas is received. The Office of the Auditor-General will conduct real time audits when the actual process of issuing of materials to beneficiaries takes place.

MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Jomo Sibiya, released information to the public on the progress towards moving communities affected by the floods after he presented a progress report to the KZN Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on 29 May 2022.

He once again stressed the mantra of “speed, efficiency and integrity” in the interventions to provide decent accommodation to affected families and the general roll out of human settlements in the Province during a community report back session on KwaDukuza Local Municipality on the same day. The MEC was there to provide progress on the R23,6 million Nyathikazi Human Settlements Project and stated that “we will continue to use an integrated approach, involving all spheres of government to speed up the rollout of human settlements”.

“In view of the recent floods that wreaked havoc and left a trail of destruction, we are required as government to give feedback to communities about our plans to ensure the acceleration of rebuilding efforts”, said the MEC.

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