



## **KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**SUBJECT: MOVING WITH SPEED AND EFFICIENCY TO RESTORE DIGNITY TO ANETTE DRIVE INFORMAL SETTLEMENT RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE APRIL 2022 FLOODS**

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KZN Premier, Sihle Zikalala, accompanied by MEC for Human Settlements & Public Works, Jomo Sibiya and eThekweni Mayor, Mxolisi Kaunda, held a media briefing at a site for Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) and permanent housing development for flood victims from the Anette Drive Informal Settlement on 05 July 2022. During the devastating floods in April 2022, with eThekweni identified as the epicentre, two (2) people from this informal settlement in Reservoir Hills drowned and an eight-year old child is still missing.

The KZN Department of Human Settlements identified government-owned land for the rehabilitation, which is less than 1 km away from where the community was originally located. This will ensure a high degree of normality to their lives, including the proximity to their places of employment. eThekweni Municipality has committed to installing bulk infrastructure to connect the TRUs with water and sanitation.

The media briefing followed community engagements that commenced on 27 April 2022, resulting in a mutually accepted agreement on 18 May 2022. Social facilitation processes were also concluded and the culmination of all these engagements will realise 76 TRUs being erected simultaneously to a permanent housing development. This permanent development will mirror the catalytic project in Cornubia, also in eThekweni.

The KZN Department of Human Settlements remains committed to this two-pronged approach to ensure that the many families who are still being housed in mass care centres in all districts of the province are provided with decent homes. Of the 84 mass care centres which have been used to temporarily house affected families in the Province, 44 have been linked with possible land parcels. Detailed assessments are complete and the land will be released by the Department of Public Works through Power of Attorney.

A social facilitation exercise is being driven to identify families, who are currently being housed in public facilities, who have access to land. This will allow TRUs to be constructed for these families on the land that they own.



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The Premier, who engaged with flood victims prior to the media briefing, thanked Abahlahli Basemjondolo for working together with government to ensure that the dignity of flood victims was restored. He also called on all ratepayers associations for similar support.

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