

MEDIA ADVISORY

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 30 APRIL 2024

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT TO LAUNCH PROJECTS TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS IN
16 WARDS IN RAY NKONYENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

RAY NKONYENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY – The housing delivery momentum will drive KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Siphso “KK” Nkosi and his officials to uGu District Municipality on Thursday, 02 May 2024.

Residents in 16 wards will benefit from the MEC’s official kick-starting of housing projects in this largest local municipality in the south coast District.

Included in the day’s packed schedule of launches are the permanent housing solutions for families living in temporary structures following the devastation caused by the floods. Phase 1 and 2 of this intervention will see 559 families living in decent homes come 31 March 2025. The total value of these two (2) projects is over R93 million.

The launch of the Gamalakhe Rectification Project (Phase 1 & 2) will also feature. Nkosi is expected to announce the over R84 million budget allocated for the 433 houses to be completed by May 2026. Following reports of unpopular building methods used in the implementation of Phase 1 which commenced in April 2016, the KZN Department of Human Settlements provided remedial measures which necessitated the extension of the scope of work for Phase 2 to include the houses that were left incomplete in Phase 1.

Nkosi will then launch the Nyuswa (Blose) Housing Project in Ward 34. The Project, valued at over R48 million, will yield 300 houses and is expected to be completed by May 2026.

The houses built through these interventions will add to the ever-growing number of houses built since the dawn of democracy 30 years ago. Total housing delivery since 1994 currently stands at approximately 600 000.

Members of the media are invited to these life-changing launches in the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality on 02 May 2024. Details are as follows:

Launches of Permanent Housing Solutions and Rectification Project:

Time: 10h00

Venue: TB Molefe Sportsfield, Gamalakhe

Launch of Nyuswa (Blose) Housing Project:

Time: 14h00

Venue: Wosiyane Sportsfield, Ward 34

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