

MEDIA ADVISORY

TO: ALL MEDIA
DATE: 20 MAY 2024
SUBJECT: **ROBUST AND RIGOROUS SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAMME TO BE DRIVEN BY MEC "KK" NKOSI IN FIVE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES IN JUST FIVE DAYS**

The groundbreaking intervention in uMgungundlovu District Municipality regarding the rollout of houses with solar energy harvesting rooftops and the handover of title deeds in uMshwathi Local Municipality, both on 20 May 2024, was just the beginning of a robust and rigorous human settlements delivery programme over the next few days. The programme will see MEC for Human Settlements & Public Works Siphso "KK" Nkosi visiting five (5) more district municipalities in just 5 days.

The Programme, which promises to be packed with media content, is scheduled as follows:

Date	Time	District Municipality	Local Municipality	Delivery Intervention
Tuesday, 21 May 2024	10h00	King Cetshwayo	Mthonjaneni	Handing over of completed houses
				Launch of Bulk Infrastructure Services
Wednesday, 22 May 2024	10h00	AmaJuba	Newcastle	Handover of N11 Community Residential Units (CRU) to first tenants
	14h00	uMzinyathi	eNdumeni	Handover of title deeds
Thursday, 23 May 2024	10h00	uMgungundlovu	Msunduzi	Launch of a massive Expanded Public Works Programme initiative
Friday, 24 May 2024	10h00	uMzinyathi	Nquthu	Launch of Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) Housing Projects in Wards 1 and 2
	13h00			Launch of OSS Housing Projects in Ward 19
Sunday, 26 May 2024	10h00	ILembe	KwaDukuza	Launch of two housing projects

The back-to-back interventions embody the major facets of holistic human settlements delivery, viz. the provision of permanent and rental housing solutions, bulk infrastructure services and homeownership.

In addition to launching housing projects which will add to the more than 600 000 houses already built in the Province since the dawn of democracy, Nkosi will also hand over title deeds in eNdumeni Local Municipality to add to the 9 288 title deeds already issued since the launch the "Title Deeds Tuesday" campaign on 3 October 2023. The plight of the most-needy and vulnerable has never escaped the Department's radar and Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) housing projects will be launched in 3 Wards of Nquthu Local Municipality.

Wednesday, 22 May 2024 will see Nkosi officiating at the first allocation of qualifying eligible rental tenants of the N11 Community Residential Unit (CRU) Project in Newcastle Municipality's Ward 34. A budget of R268 464 148.06 was approved for this CRU Project which is set for completion in less than five (5) months' time.

On the very next day, a massive Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) will be launched at the Harry Gwala Stadium in Msunduzi Local Municipality.

Sunday, 26 May 2024 will mark the launch of two more housing projects in KwaDukuza Local Municipality. These will add to the string of housing projects launched by the MEC to ensure the expanding of the human settlements delivery footprint in pursuit of providing "Houses, Security and Comfort for All".

Members of the media are invited to the groundbreaking Human Settlements and Public Works interventions from 21 to 26 May 2024.

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