

MEDIA ADVISORY

TO: ALL MEDIA
DATE: 21 MAY 2024
SUBJECT: **MEC "KK" NKOSI TO OFFICIATE AT THE FIRST ALLOCATION OF TENANTS OF THE N11 COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN NEWCASTLE AND HAND OVER TITLE DEEDS IN ENDUMENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ON 22 MAY 2024**

In its continuous efforts towards the provisioning of affordable and sustainable housing, the KZN Department of Human Settlements will unveil yet another stride in affordable rental housing closer to economic opportunities.

MEC for Human Settlements & Public Works Sipho "KK" Nkosi will officiate at the first allocation of qualifying eligible rental tenants of the N11 Community Residential Unit (CRU) Project in Newcastle Municipality's Ward 34 on 22 May 2024.

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.

A rental housing survey, conducted by the Department in AmaJuba District, informed the necessity of this Project. The demand for rental accommodation in the Newcastle area is very high. This Project, alone, will result in 540 rental units being constructed.

Together with the Hospital Street Social Housing Project in Newcastle, the N11 CRU Project provides tangible proof of the Department's determination to expand its footprint for affordable rental housing beyond the urban centres in order to fulfil its mission to provide "Houses, Security & Comfort for All".

The first allocation of tenants in the N11 CRU Project follows just ten (10) months after the first letting units of the Jika Joe CRU in Msunduzi Local Municipality were handed over by Nkosi. It also follows the MEC's visits, through the Operation Siyahlola initiative, to the Kokstad and Sibongile CRU's in Harry Gwala and uMzinyathi District Municipalities, respectively. Such is the commitment by Government to meet the varied housing needs of different income groups, whilst at the same time ensuring that people are closer to employment opportunities and services.

Following what has become the norm with more than one service delivery intervention per day, Nkosi will then affirm security of tenure to residents in eNdumeni Local Municipality as the total number of title deeds handed over during an acceleration campaign, launched on 3 October 2023, moves steadily towards the 10 000 mark.

Members of the media are invited to the above engagements on 22 May 2024 with the details being as follows:

N11 Community Residential Units (CRU) First Tenanting Launch:

Time: 10h00

Venue: N11 CRU Project open space

Title Deeds Handover:

Time: 14h00

Venue: Mckenzie Community Hall

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