



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: ALL MEDIA
DATE: 22 NOVEMBER 2024
SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION BY THE KZN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TO ENSURE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHALLCROSS DISASTER PROJECT

SHALLCROSS: The KZN Department of Human Settlements will convene an urgent meeting with the Contractor and aggrieved members of the local community of Shallcross. This comes in the wake of stoppages to the site establishment phase of the Shallcross Disaster Project.

The Project, which is planned to provide a permanent housing solution for 85 families affected by the April 2022 floods, has been abruptly halted by dissatisfied community members. Their issues include commitment and transparency on the allocation of houses to local residents; appointment of Project Steering Committee members and the allocation of construction work to the local community.

The KZN Department of Human Settlements, unwavering in its collective and collaborative approach towards the provision of sustainable neighbourhoods, remains positive that the concerns of the local community will be addressed.

The community's other concerns, not directly linked to but affecting the project, include infrastructure repairs post-2022 floods and water-shedding related issues. These concerns will be addressed by eThekweni Metro.

The Department, working together with the Local Municipality, Contractor and local community leaders will ensure that construction of the Shallcross Disaster Project will commence and that much-needed comfort and dignity are provided to victims of the April 2022 floods. Their wait has already been a long one.

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