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### **DEPARTMENT INTERVENES TO UNBLOCK TWO MORE HOUSING PROJECTS**

**Two (2) more housing projects (Shayamoya and Mnyangweni Rural Housing Projects) have been moved to the unblocked side of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlement's service delivery radar.**

Both projects are in the Inkosi Langalibalele Local Municipality under uThukela District. The Department, in leaving no stone unturned, has ensured that work to complete these two (2) projects will commence in October 2025 and will result in the restoration of dignity to 800 households in wards 1,3 and 16.

The Department, with MEC Siboniso Duma at its helm, has never shied away from the number of housing projects that are currently stalled or disrupted due to challenges peculiar to each project. There is tangible impact of the Department's interventions to ensure that projects can move ahead even when District Municipalities do not keep to their commitments of providing funding for provision of infrastructure needs.

The Department's focus on previously stalled or disrupted housing projects has resulted in the reduction of blocked projects from 68 to 15 projects.

To date, the people of ward 16 in Inkosi Langalibalele Local Municipality have eagerly awaited the construction of 500 houses in the Shayamoya Rural Housing Project for four and a half years. During this time only 268 foundations, 262 wall plates and 178 completed houses with rain water harvesting systems have been delivered. The Department, patience wearing thin, took over the Developer status of the project, with the Municipality being the key stakeholder. The MEC approved just over R60 million for the remaining work to be completed and a new service provider (Mandlethu Projects) was appointed through the Department's Supply Chain Management (SCM) processes.

The intervention in the Mnyangweni Rural Housing Project, brought on following a poor performance by the Implementing Agent even after an eight (8) month extension, will now bring joy to the residents of wards 1 and 3. Lingela Holdings has been appointed as the new service provider through the Department's SCM processes in June 2025, to undertake the remaining construction work.

These follow the interventions by the Department to revive many other stalled or blocked projects, including the following in four (4) districts:

- Thubalethu Informal Settlement Upgrade Housing Project in Mthonjaneni Local Municipality under King Cetshwayo District: The Department has allocated R61 million for the installation of bulk water services and another R19 million for the construction of water infrastructure in the area.
- Mbulwane Area H Housing Project in Alfred Duma Local Municipality under uThukela District: The Department has allocated R9 million for the upgrading of sewer pump station.
- Ncotshane Rural Housing Project in oPhongolo Local Municipality in Zululand District: The Department has allocated R1.5 million towards the assessment of the installation of internal services which was delaying construction.
- Madadeni H39 Housing Project in Newcastle Local Municipality in AmaJuba District: The Department resorted to unlock the installation of bulk services. A total of R164 444.23 was utilised from the Municipal Housing Operating Account (MHOA) funding towards bulk services. The process of appointing a service provider, who will conduct new beneficiary administration and identify those that were allocated in areas where bulk services should be running, has commenced.

MEC Duma has reported that "to ensure that the wait for comfort and dignity is not prolonged, the Department has, since 2019, spent more than R1,1 billion providing bulk services which is actually a Municipal function".

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