

MINISTER KUBAYI CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT IN MANGAUNG

Minister of Human Settlements, Mmamoloko Kubayi is on a two-day (27-28 September) visit in Mangaung Metro to conduct an oversight on Human Settlement projects that the city is currently busy with. The visit is aimed at engaging with various stakeholders around housing related matters, conducting site visits and giving out title deeds.

In his opening remarks, MMM Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana said housing is a national challenge and that land issues remain critical in providing a better life for all. "As a city, we are fully behind the efforts that are being made to ensure the dignity of people is restored through the provision of adequate houses," said Siyonzana. He added that for Mangaung residents, it is a great achievement for them to finally hold their title deeds.

Free State MEC for Human Settlements, Motshidisi Koloi said she is excited about the project because it will show communities what has been done in the Human Settlements space and a progress report on some of the projects that are underway.

Free State Premier, Sisi Ntombela said the province has seen a lot of officials from the national office come for oversight visits and see what challenges the people of the Free State and how best those challenges can be addressed. "It is such a joyous occasion to handover houses and title deeds; we know what this



FS Premier Sisi Ntombela in conversation with Minister of Human Settlements Mmamoloko Kubayi



FS MEC for Human Settlements Motshidisi Koloi



MMM Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana



Council Speaker, Cllr. Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane and Executive Mayor Siyonzana hand over title deeds to two of the recipients



MMC for Human Settlements Cllr. Gladys May facilitated the community meeting held at Leslie Monnyanyane hall



means to our people. It means people will be able to live in comfort and have peace of mind because they now have the legal documents that show that the land they are occupying belongs to them," said Ntombela.

She added that they have been engaging with communities across the province and noted that people want serviced land so that they can build their own structures. "We have been tasked with the huge responsibility of delivering services to the people; we must pull up our socks and do better because our people are still living in poverty. We still have a long way to go, but the time to take action is now," said Ntombela.

Minister Kubayi said the oversight visit is to show that there is an interest in improving the quality of life and services that communities receive. "We are at the forefront of service delivery and we carry the responsibility of ensuring that we provide people with houses and restore their dignity, and their sense of safety and security," said Kubayi.

She said the Free State is the fourth province she is visiting as part of her ministerial roadshow, and she has noted that provinces experience different challenges when it comes to issues of human settlements. "There is no one size fits all solution, we need to come with a way forward that will address the challenges of the people of the Free State in a satisfactory manner," concluded Kubayi.

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