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NEW HOUSES IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Dipaleseng Local Municipality led by the Executive Mayor, Clr. Mafunda Makhubu flanked by the Minister of Women & Children Honourable Bathabile Dlamini, MEC of Economic Development & Tourism, Honourable Eric Kholwane, councilors and officials held an successful outreach program over the weekend.

On Saturday, 17 November 2018, project sites for the construction of sewer pipeline network and the upgrading of the Waste Water Treatment Plant both in Nthoroane were visited.

The delegation took time to interact with the discontent community of Zenzele informal settlement and later held a broader community meeting.

The focus moved to Siyathemba on Sunday, 18 November 2018 where a total of three hundred new home owners were handed keys to their refined abodes at Ridgeview.

Ridgeview is a greenfield development, Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP) that is applied to finance a holistic, all-inclusive and integrated township of the three thousand five hundred stands that is planned for mixed housing development.

It is a fact that the municipality is battling to cope with the number and growing informal settlements within the locality, however government is moving in the right direction through the appointment of various service providers to curb this condition.

The Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlement has appointed contractors for the construction/refurbishing of low cost houses damaged by natural disaster in Nthoroane. Service providers for the formalization of Grootvlei informal settlement and Extension 7 (Joe Slovo) proclamation, the crèche in Ridgeview on phase one (1) of the first 300 housing units and a modern community hall in Grootvlei extension 1 have also been appointed.

An elated Khosi Gracy Radebe could not hold back her joy and excitement when she opened and stepped into her four roomed house with neat finishing including PVC ceilings. “This is my house, all mine, I am so happy to finally have a house of my own,” she said. The 45 square metre roof tiled house boasts two bedrooms, a kitchen, lounge bathroom with toilet basin and shower with two pine doors provide entrances.

The Executive Mayor urged the beneficiaries to cherish these properties as their valuable assets and safeguard them for future generations; he further cautioned them to go against the growing trend of selling the houses in pursuit of money.

More interactions with community of Ward 2 and the delegation rounded up the program by attending a church service at the First Zion Christian Salem Ekuphumuleni Church where the Minister shared a few words with the congregation.

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