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Elijah Barayi village brings hope in the economically depressed mining town of Carletonville

Young and old rejoiced at the launch of the Elijah Barayi Village megacity near Carltonville in the West Rand.

The Village is going to have 12799 mixed housing units in the coming 6 years with the first batch of houses being completed in the next six months.

The launch was attended by Premier David Makhura, West Rand Mayor Boyce Maneli and Merafong Mayor Maphefo Mogale-Letsie.

Harris Sikonyela, 63 years of age, said that he was excited because the project was going to benefit the young and old.

“The pronouncements by the premier make me happy, finally our children will get jobs,” he said. Hundreds of residents from Carltonville and surrounding areas such as Khutsong and Wedela gathered at the Alijah Barayi Village to launch the project.

Lebogang Dick, 34, who applied for an RDP house in 2010, said that she was happy with what Premier Makhura told the community.

“We are hoping that they follow up on the promises and also the people who are going to do the work actually do it. I also hope I get the house I applied for,” she said.

Makhura said that when he became premier in 2014, he realized that the West Rand was one of the two regions in Gauteng where there is lots of poverty, under development, underinvestment in infrastructure, the other being the Sedibeng region.

“I made a commitment to work with the mayors and get the provincial government to invest, particularly on infrastructure and we are in Merafong today because of that commitment,” he said. The Premier noted that the project was more than just 12000 houses but will also have new schools, clinics, FET College and other amenities.

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