



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC Moila calls for communities to work with him**

The new MEC for Human Settlements in Gauteng, Dikgang Uhuru Moilola has called for communities to work with him in resolving issues related to human settlements in the province.

Speaking during a title deeds handover at Impumelelo Township in Devon on the East of Gauteng, Moilola, said “I urge the residents of this community to work with me. Should there be any misunderstanding between us, on how to solve your grievances; the situation shouldn’t result in violence. I am calling on you not to destroy what we as government have built and also please do not invade land, because government has plans and policies in place for the development of land and building of megacities. Remember that working together we can do more.”

Moilola who was with Gauteng Premier, David Makhura, during the handover ceremony said that the Department has not forgotten communities in the periphery of the province and is working hard to ensure that they also have a better life and benefit from government programmes.

The Premier and the MEC handed over title deeds to the elderly, people living with disabilities and child headed households.

Premier Makhura said that “There is a project that people from extension three and four have been waiting for, because of the land acquisition process. Today I am here to tell you that the land problem has been solved and the developer will be here to start work on the 14 May 2018. Development in this area will continue.”

Makhura said that government was also aware of other problems in this area such as not having a police station and having to travel a long distance to Heidelberg to get government services. He added that government knows that the people of Impumelelo want development, houses and title deeds.

“We build houses for the elderly and underprivileged people, mothers and fathers, not for the youth,” he said.

One of the 200 beneficiaries of title deeds on the day was an elderly person living with a disability, 82-year-old, Toko Lettie Nhlapo from Impumelelo Ext 2, who said that she is very happy to receive her title deed.

“I am very excited today to get a proof that I am the rightful owner of my house, now one can come claim my house. I am going to keep it safe in my room and locked up. I don’t want anybody to rob me of my title deed” said Nhlapo.

The Department working closely with the Sedibeng District municipality will issue over 4500 title deeds to occupants of government owned-houses.

Moiloa told the community that he was going to return to Impumelelo soon to hand-over close to 1000 title deeds.

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