

Homes for needy kids

Two child-headed families were given houses as part of Youth Month commemorations

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TWO impoverished child-headed households in Mangweni Trust near Tonga were excited when they were given fully furnished houses as part of the provincial government's Youth Month commemorations.

Culture, sport and recreation MEC Norah Mahlangu handed over the houses to the Sedibe and Mahlalela families.

Mahlangu was accompanied by public works, roads and transport MEC Sasekani Manzini, provincial legislature speaker Thandi Shongwe and representatives from the Nkomazi local municipality.

Mahlangu said the provincial government was touched by the plight of the two families that were led by children following the deaths of their parents. Community members had brought the suffering of the two families to the attention of the local authorities.

Mahlangu said the houses were proof that the government was hard at work in housing its citizens in a decent manner.

Mahlangu promised that more houses would be handed over to other beneficiaries in different corners of the



HOMES: Thandi Shongwe, Norah Mahlangu and Sasekani Manzini with the two child-headed families who received fully furnished houses recently.

province as part of the provincial government's legacy project.

"This year is important because we also celebrate the centenary of the birth

of Oliver Tambo, who was a good example. His legacy still lives within the youth of South Africa," Mahlangu said.

"The young people of Mpumalanga must participate in the economic sector and benefit.

"We are certain that the lives of these child-headed families will never be the same again.

"The hand over of the houses shows that the provincial government is working hard to bring sustainable provision of services to its citizens.

"We urge all our beneficiaries to take care of the services we are offering to them," Mahlangu said.

Jeanette Sedibe, one of the beneficiaries, said: "We are grateful to the provincial government for rescuing us from the poor living conditions we had been experiencing.

"We are glad because our living conditions will never be the same again, despite the other challenges we might still be experiencing."

Another beneficiary, Lesley Mahlalela, said: "We could not believe our eyes when we were saw the fully furnished houses. We will surely take care of them as these are now our proud homes."

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