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Residents overjoyed at becoming home owners

The KZN MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, officiated at the hand over of 724 title deeds for residents of Madadeni and Osizweni on 29 November.

The event took place at the Stafford Clinic Sports ground in Section 7. The MEC was accompanied by Newcastle Municipality mayor, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba, the deputy mayor Reuben Molelekoa, speaker Samkeliwe Yende and portfolio councillor for Human Settlements, Planning and Development, Matthew Shunmugam.

The hand-over ceremony forms part of a campaign by the provincial department under the Title-Deed Restoration Programme which has been on-going for the past few years. The beneficiaries were given their rightful ownership of their houses in line with the



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Human Settlements Department's, Enhanced Extended Discount Benefit Scheme (EEDBS) policy instrument, which caters for government housing stock built before 1994. The scheme promotes home ownership among tenants of state-financed rental stock, including formal housing and serviced sites.

The residents were jubilant and expressed gratitude at finally becoming home owners. Through this campaign, the MEC said she hoped to speed up the opening of the formal property market in areas like Osizweni and Madadeni.