



**Excited about receiving the title deed is organisation leader Samuel Mthembu (centre) with Mayor Mduduzi Mhlongo (left) and MEC Jomo Sibiya (right)**

# Title deed for local disabled centre

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‘OUR job is to utilise state-owned land and properties to make sure they benefit the rightful people’.

These were the words of KZN MEC for Human Settlement and Public Works Jomo Sibiya when he handed over a title deed to members of the Zamani Disabled People's Organisation in eSikhaleni on Thursday.

Sibiya said the redistribution of vacant government-owned land and properties is part of his programme to ensure public assets benefit vulnerable communities.

During his address, he said the aim is to redirect public works and provide them with speed.

‘In various parts of KZN there are buildings and land owned by government, and we want to unlock their value for the use of ordinary members of society, to drive their developments.

‘The government is the largest property owner by value of assets and it cannot be correct that the assets end up in the hands of criminals,’ he said.

Sibiya also said his department aims to promote human value, fight crime, diseases and social ills to ensure a winning province.

‘The goal is to ensure people live in areas where they will have access to decent education and quality healthcare,’ he said.

Sibiya also revealed that his department would focus on infrastructure development which will help the province rebuild the economy.

He also made a commitment to refurbish the two buildings within the centre.

The R1.4-million structure has been used by the organisation for years as their base to conduct their business which includes hand craft, embroidery and other skills.

‘We are excited to have the building now fully belonging to the organisation,’ said organisation leader Samuel Mthembu.

Also at the handover were provincial and local leaders, including uMhlathuze Municipality Mayor Mduduzi Mhlongo.



**MEC Jomo Sibiya with organisation leader Samuel Mthembu**