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The MEC for Human Settlement and Public Works, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba has vowed to build houses for two families in Pietermaritzburg who were affected by the last heavy rains.

Mahlaba visited the two families on Friday with the speaker of Msunduzi Municipality, Eunice Majola, ward councillor, Themba Ngubane, and the Elton Ngcobo Foundation.

He said construction of temporary houses will begin this week.

He said they will be working with

Msunduzi Municipality to find land to build a permanent home for the Sibisi family, who are currently staying on someone else's land.

The Sibisi family also lost a three-year-old child this year, after he was electrocuted when he stepped on a live electrical cable.

She said she had to turn off the main switch to touch the child and rush him to the clinic. Sibisi said the child died on the way to the hospital.

"We are happy that while we will have a temporary house, soon we'll have our own home on land that is

ours," said Sibisi.

Anna White, from the second family, said she was happy that her family of 11 would no longer fear the rains.

The chairperson of the foundation, Elton Ngcobo, said they received a message on Facebook from a Comrades Marathon runner, Ayanda Mlotshwa, about the Sibisi family's plight and, while visiting the family, they also came across the White family.

"We contacted the local municipalities and the department for assistance, and were happy they will assist these two families," said Ngcobo