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THE relocation of communities displaced by the April and May floods from mass care centres to more decent transitional emergency accommodation facilities is on track for the mooted mid-December shut down of all mass care centres.

As of mid-November, more than 233 families had been relocated from mass care centres to temporary emergency accommodation facilities in and around eThekweni Municipality.

All three tiers of government as well as the public entity Housing Development Agency (HDA) have been hard at work concluding leasing agreements with service providers who have accommodation facilities that are to be used to provide shelter for the displaced flood victims.

The relocation of flood victims to transitional emergency accommodation

facilities began in October. A deadline of December 15 or before Christmas has been set to have all displaced communities relocated from mass care centres before they are shut down.

Simultaneously, the construction of Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) and the provisioning of building materials have also continued.

To date, about 1 603 TRUs have been completed at a cost of R98.8 million. The completed TRUs form part of the initial phase one procurement of 1 810 buildable units.

Presently, about 1 522 TRUs are occupied, and the remaining 81 in KwaDukuza will be occupied once the installation of services has been completed at the end of November. This will culminate in the closing down of the eight mass care centres presently in KwaDukuza – thus increasing the number of closed mass care centres

towards the mid-December deadline.

Of the original 120 mass care centres in eThekweni Municipality, only 48 remain. There are plans to attend to their closure, as per the three regions of eThekweni namely Southern, Northern and Western Regions.

The total tally of existing mass care centres now stands at 58 from the original across KwaDukuza (nine), and one mass care centre in Msunduzi Municipality.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements and eThekweni Municipality, working with HDA, have implemented various human settlement remedies since the April and May floods.

These include the TRUs, the transitional emergency accommodation facilities, building material supply, permanent housing solutions and the rental assistance scheme.

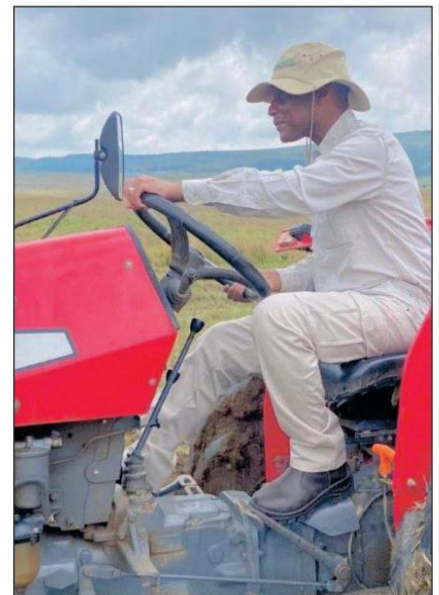


KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Nomusa Dube-Ncube explains the order of proceedings to flood victims, before they are relocated from Truro Hall in Westville to a bigger place more conducive to their needs.

KZN MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba in his capacity as Zululand District Operation Sukuma Sakhe and District Development Model Champion, took part in the Public Transportation Day from Zondela to Ulundi, as part of the October Transport Month (OTM) activities. MEC Mahlaba also officiated at the launch of the 2022 Zululand District Multi-Planting Season Programme in Mvuzini.



MEC Mahlaba also joined other stakeholders during an OTM roadblock outside Vryheid, in Abaqulusi Municipality.



In October, MEC Mahlaba launched the 2022 Zululand District Multi-Planting Season in the Mvuzini area, Abaqulusi Municipality.

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1 603 To date, 1 603 Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) of the planned 1 810 have been completed, with 1 522 presently occupied. The remaining 207 TRUs should be completed by early December.

58 Of the original 135 mass care centres opened after the April and May floods, only 58 remain with 77 being shut down.

R98,8m Government expenditure to date for the construction of TRUs during phase one of the Recovery and Rebuilding Programme stands at R98.8 million of the initial R325m allocated

58 About 44 land parcels for permanent housing solutions have been linked to the remaining 58 mass care centres in eThekweni, Ugu, Ilembe and Msunduzi.

20 To date, about 20 buildings have been considered for the rental accommodation scheme, with most of the buildings at different levels of readiness.

R34m To date, an amount of R34 million for building material supply vouchers has been allocated to the eThekweni Municipality to assist flood victims whose houses were partially damaged.

Social housing delivery

