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SINCE assuming the role of MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works in KwaZulu-Natal in May this year, Sipho "KK" Nkosi has visited the province's 11 district municipalities including eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, where a number of Siyahlolela and Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) interventions were conducted.

In addition, housing project launches and handovers, Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) skills development graduations, and emergency housing interventions for last year's flood displaces and victims of shack fires were top priority.

He also initiated a programme to resuscitate blocked and stalled housing projects in various parts of KZN.

The MEC has emphasised his strong commitment to always be guided by the principles and policies of the ruling party, the African National Congress (ANC) – with its call to "leave no one behind" firmly entrenched in the implementation of all KZN Human Settlements programmes. His mandate is derived

from the ANC's fundamental liberation struggle blueprint document, the Freedom Charter, which was adopted at the real Congress of the People on June 26, 1955 in Kliptown, outside Soweto.

The people of KwaZulu-Natal remain the irrefutable witnesses to the department's sustained programme of restoring the pride and dignity of the downtrodden.

The MEC admits that while there are islands of excellence, as witnessed with the relocation of Isipingo Transit Camp residents to the new Kanku Road Housing Project and the Jika Joe Informal Settlement residents to the nearby Jika Joe Community Residential Units, much more needs to be done and with a quicker turnaround.

Beyond his first 100 Days in office, which was marked at the end of August 2023, the hands-on MEC has committed to "continue unabated with unseen robustness in the pursuance of justice in human settlements provisioning across the length and breadth of this beautiful province".

