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MAHIKENG MAIL - VENTERSDORP: The North West Department of Human Settlements has fulfilled a dream of the people of Ventersdorp in JB Marks Local Municipality by handing over houses and title deeds to preserve their dignity as outlined in chapter 2 of the constitution and chapter 8 of the national development plan.

One beneficiary was 83 year old Issac Molefe who is living alone in the house. Molefe said he originates from Ramatlabama Village near Mahikeng and has been living in an old shack for over 50 years. "I have been waiting for this house in anticipation and I am happy to say the department has done a great job by giving me this house. I am now going to live a normal life until my last day on this earth," said Molefe.

MEC for Public Works and Roads, Elizabeth Mokua, said the handing over of the houses is guarantee that the next generation will have security and shelter. "This project demonstrates what can be achieved when national, provincial and local governments work together with communities and stakeholders to accelerate service delivery."

The 200 housing project commenced in 2023 and is expected to be completed in 2026. The beneficiaries further received food parcels from the Department of Social Development to ensure that they do not go hungry.

In addition to the handing over of the houses, MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Madoda Sambatha facilitated the ceremonial hand over of nine title deeds to qualifying beneficiaries of Tweevlagte extension 12.

The deeds are part of 228 title deeds that have been verified for Ventersdorp. The remainder of title deeds will be collected by residents at the local municipal offices.

Title deed recipients, Maleshane Qasana and Sana Schoeman, both 72 years of age, expressed gratitude to the department for handing them their deeds. They said this has indeed restored their dignity and assurance that they now have a place to call home.

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MEC Madoda Sambatha hands over a house to a beneficiary.