



CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS AND ICT

3366 Besemmer Str Telkom Building
Industrial Site Mahikeng, 2745
Private Bag X 2145, Mmabatho, 2735
Tel: +27 (18) 388 4824/5

NWDC Cnr, University & Provident Drive
Private Bag X 2145, Mmabatho, 2735
Tel: +27 (18) 388 4913

2nd Floor West Wing, University Drive
Garona Building
Private Bag X 2145, Mmabatho, 2735
Tel: +27 (18) 388 4824/5

MEDIA STATEMENT

To : All Editors and Journalists

Date : 30th September 2025

Title Deed Restoration Programme benefits Mothutlung residents

Handing over Title Deeds to residents of Mothutlung in the Madibeng Local Municipality as part of the ongoing Title Deeds Restoration Programme, Human Settlements Minister Thembisile Simelane has appealed with the beneficiaries to value their properties and safeguard them for future generations.

The programme started off with a door-to-door delivery of title deeds to three beneficiaries at Mothutlung Extension 1&2, and continued with a handover of 397 Title Deeds to beneficiaries at a community engagement. This is part of the provincial government's target for this financial year to deliver 6718 title deeds across the province, contributing to the national goal of 80 000 deeds by 2029.

Speaking to the beneficiaries Minister Simelane explained that a Title Deed is not just a piece of paper, but rather an assurance of security, economic empowerment, restoration of dignity, and a promise for a better future.

"This house and title deed is the ultimate security for you and your grandkids. Love it and take care of it to the best of your ability," said Minister Simelane.

According to the Minister, the department has made a commitment to eliminate the nationwide title deed backlog, by doing so, we will be able to unlock over R200 billion in asset value for fully subsidised government houses across the country.

One of the beneficiaries was 64-year-old Pauline Maleka. She has three children and lives on grants. In response to finally receiving her title deed she said, "I feel so happy, I could jump on top of my roof and scream in excitement. I'm very thankful to our government".

The second beneficiary was Joseph Donoro Thiye, 63, he lives on grants and lives with his three children. He expressed feeling "happy and thankful" to be receiving his title deed.

The last beneficiary was Catherine Monareng who is 65 years old. Mme Monareng is blind and survives on grants. He lives with his son and they have been living in their house since 2010. As the minister was handing over the title deed, she said, "I am happy. Today I get to receive my title deed handed over by the minister herself. This is proof that the house is truly mine. Thank you for my title deed and thank you for being here today."

North West MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Gaoage Oageng Molapisi urged residents to look after their Title Deeds as they do not only define proof of ownership to property or piece of land but also means restoration of dignity, human rights and self-esteem. "These are not just any documents, they are testament that the house you have lived in for years is officially yours. Please take care of them, they are a proof of security for your descendants".

The Title Deed Restoration Programme is part of a broader effort to promote social justice, stability, and economic development by restoring homeownership rights to citizens. The initiative is supported by the Title Deeds Friday's campaign, a nationwide drive to raise awareness and mobilize stakeholders to deliver title deeds to rightful owners.

Ends#

**Enquiries: Tsekiso Machike (Spokesperson to the Minister) on 077 410 5050
Tsekiso.machike@dhs.gov.za**

**Or Simon Mmope (North West Department of Human Settlements) on 064 085 1826
smmope@nwpg.gov.za**

**Issued jointly by the National Department of Human Settlements and the North West
Department of Human Settlements**