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A Place to call home for Matsane and Tau families

In closing Women's month, the MEC of Corporate Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi handed over two (2) houses to the Matsane and Tau families from Middleton-B near Atamelang Township. The handover was part of the provincial government's women's month commemoration ceremony aimed at recognising and honouring women on Friday, 30th August 2024.

Handing over the house keys to 44 year old Dikeledi Matsane who is a gender based violence survivor, MEC Molapisi said what the department is doing is to restore the dignity of the people, especially women. He said he is proud to say Matsane and her children have a place to call home. The overwhelmed Matsane couldn't hold her tears when receiving the keys. "I would like to thank the department for building a house for me and my children, this feels like a dream and I am grateful," said Matsane.

MEC Molapisi also added that counselling will be arranged for Dikeledi Matsane in order to change her life and that of her children for the better.

Another recipient was 37 years old Margaret Tau, who received the house on behalf of her late grandmother, Martha Tau. She said her family comes from Bornou Farms next to Delareyville and later moved to Middleton B. The unemployed Tau survives on the Child Support Grant money she receives for her three children. She said that even though her grandmother is no longer with them, she is resting in peace knowing that she has left a legacy for her family as they now have a roof over their heads.

Molapisi said that the department will continue giving the people houses just as the department is mandated to do. He urged the beneficiaries to take care of their houses as it is a lifetime opportunity and a lasting legacy to have a dignified shelter.



“It is the responsibility of government to ensure that the women are prioritized and their dignity is restored as it is stipulated in the Bill of Rights that all human beings must have shelter and live in decent houses,” said MEC Molapisi.

MEC Molapisi was joined by MEC Viola Motsumi for Department of Education, MEC Collen Maine of Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation and MEC Kenetswe Mosenogi for Provincial Treasury.

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