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MEC Molapisi hands over a house to the Molifi family in Tigane

North West MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Gaoage Oageng Molapisi handed a house to the Molifi Family in Tigane in the Matlosana Local Municipality as part of celebrating women's day. The Molifi family has been living in a two roomed shack and the newly build house came as relief to the two social grants recipients and their four children.

Handing over the furnished house, Food parcels and blankets from the Department of Social Development, MEC Molapisi urged women especially in rural areas to stand firm and continue to advocate for the emancipation of women from all aspects of life. Molapisi was quick to condemn the social ills committed against women and further urged the law enforcement agencies to deal decisively with those who are continuing to violate the rights of women.

Handing over the house Molapisi also urged the local councillor, to work closely with women and vulnerable groups within the Tigane community. He reiterated that his department will continue to prioritise women in construction and allocate 40% of the budget to them. He commended the women of 1956 march in Pretoria and further urged other women to carry on the baton and carry their legacy forward. "Government has and will forever continue to prioritise women and strive for equality. We respect and honour women of our country as they are nation builders and leaders. We do so in ensuring that we restore their dignity, just like we are doing to the Molifi family" said Molapisi.

Receiving the house on behalf of the family, the elated Nnase Molifi, who just celebrated her 70th birthday could not hide her excitement and continued to thank government and the philanthropic contractor who constructed the house and donated furniture for the whole house. Molifi urged government to continue to deliver services to communities as they are relying on it to better their lives.

“I am grateful for this wonderful gift that will remain our treasure as the Molifi family. We are grateful and pleased to see that our patience and hope are answered. We now have a home and we are sure to leave a legacy for our children and grandchildren,” said Molifi.

The department of Human Settlements said that the handing over of the house is part of its ongoing venture to make sure that housing delivery remains key and that the partnership with other government departments and business continue unabated.

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