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MEC Molapisi urge Human Settlements officials to work round the clock

The Presidential District Development Model programme remains key in delivering services to the North West community. This is according to MEC for Corporative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi., during his departmental strategic planning session in Rustenburg recently.

According to MEC Molapisi, coordination of services among departments, and other spheres of government is critical and most services require more integration from the beginning until the end. Molapisi was referring to provision of services such as water, sewer, houses and many other, which remain a serious challenge to communities.

“The District Development Model is the most viable tool at our disposal to address some of the challenges that we deem as shortcomings within human settlements. We must work closely with provincial government departments, and district and local municipalities to address issues such as poor maintenance of infrastructure and inadequate bulk, poor implementation and limited community engagements and population growth which leads to informal settlements. Working together will lead to increase in us fulfilling our mandate of providing habitable human settlements for the people of the North West province,” said MEC Molapisi.

Molapisi further acknowledged his departmental performance during the sixth administration, saying he remains hopeful that the department will emerge victorious under a capable team. “Assessing the work done in the previous five years, I am convinced that there is determination from all employees in the Department and at our entity to realize the vision and mission of the Department of Human Settlements. The current conjecture (GNU) places the Department at the epicentre of ensuring that we lead to improved living conditions through the provision of integrated sustainable human settlement in the North West Province. We are therefore all required to place our skills and efforts towards this objective. Some areas require our immediate intervention,” he said.



MEC Molapisi further expressed his disappointment about the state of infrastructure in the province especially blocked projects. He said that the recent report by the visiting National Council of Province should be corrected before November. The committee expressed disappointment at incomplete projects of the department and further called on the department to remedy the situation and deliver habitable homes to deserving beneficiaries.

The planning session further focused on other key departmental service delivery programmes such as the progress recorded in areas like Deelpan village which was hit by two devastating floods in the past two years, Developments in Moretele and the upcoming ministerial visit to the province in the next two weeks. Managers remained confident that the department will achieve its mandate despite cut in budget.

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