

HLASELA HOMES FOR DIGNITY

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COMMANDER: Premier Magashule leads from the front in his Hlasela Outreach Programme to better lives of ordinary people.
Picture: Maryna van Wyk

Members of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), the Free State Premier, Ace Magashule, and members of his executive council in the province yesterday witnessed the big strides in progress made through Operation Hlasela since 2009 in the Qwa Qwa area when several service delivery projects were visited.

The Hlasela Outreach Programme is implemented alongside the Service Delivery Monitoring visit of the NCOP.

"The Free State provincial government is convinced that it has done sufficiently well in responding to the issues that were highlighted by the NCOP during its visit in 2010 and subsequent follow-up in 2012.

"We thus need to support this visit whilst we implement other avenues of enhancing service delivery," said Magashule this week.

The delegation visited the Human Settlements Mobile Services Truck, which has been stationed at the Bluegumbush sporting fields from Monday as part of the process of verification of service beneficiaries for the 3400 houses earmarked for renovation or demolition.

Spokesperson for the provincial government, Mondli Mvambi, said the government has set aside funding for the rebuilding of 200 houses during this financial year in Bluegumbush.

"This programme also entails the renovation of one-door houses that were built in this area by previous administrations, which have not done well in ensuring that the dignity of our people is restored and that they become proud owners of decent human settlements," he said.

Magashule and his entourage walked through the Bluegumbush Phase 2 area where the houses have been earmarked to be demolished and replaced by "Hlasela houses".

"We need to restore the dignity of our people by giving them proper houses," he said.

Mvambi said as part of the efforts to implement decent human settlements that easily access social amenities and economic opportunities, the department of police, roads and transport will be re-gravelling and maintaining access roads in the township as well as servicing other access roads in the area of greater QwaQwa.

Last night, the NCOP and executive delegation met with people with disabilities, youth structures and unemployed graduates as part of the service delivery outreach.

Mvambi said the Operation Hlasela outreach was planned to ensure that services reached the intended beneficiaries and that government yields the expected results from the service delivery programmes it embarks on since it came into office in 2009.

The delegation of the NCOP and executive council started work on Tuesday when they met the executive mayors and senior management of the Maluti a Phofung local municipality and Thabo Mofutsanyana district municipality to ensure, among other things, that there was a common vision of the pursuit of service delivery programmes.

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