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## MEC MAKAMU DELIVERS EARLY CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO DESTITUTE FAMILIES.

The Semono and Moela families at Tzaneen will for the first time in their lives spend this year's Christmas and many more in their brand-new houses. The two families were over the moon when they were visited by the MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu paid a courtesy visit to the families of Mr Charles Semono (37) in Thapane Village and Philemon Moela (44) of Khujwana Village within the Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality to see their current living conditions and track progress of the construction of their housing units. MEC promised the families that their houses will be completed in November. The heart-wrenching situations of the two beneficiaries' living

arrangements came to MEC Makamu's attention through local media coverage and community reports. As a result, the two beneficiaries' right to adequate housing will soon become a reality.

Mr Semono and his wife who are both visually impaired (blind), live with their 13-year-old who has a psychological disorder (schizophrenic) at his in laws' home while Mr Moela and his wife live with their two children aged 7 and 2 in a one roomed house.

Speaking during the visit, MEC Makamu thanked all the stakeholders for ensuring that the families' dignity is restored. "My special thanks go to all our key stakeholders in this case, the contractors who have partnered with us in providing shelter to our people. We have

given our contractors a deadline of three weeks, and I believe that they will not disappoint us, they will meet the target. We also thank those who assisted us with identifying this families. This proves that we can achieve more when we work together. We are delivering an early Christmas presents to our people. Our determination to provide shelter to our people is still intact. It is only our collective leadership and effort that can see us building sustainable and beautiful houses to our impoverished communities".

In response, Mr Semono thanked government for giving him and his family a proper home to live.