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## COGHSTA MEC PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF HOUSING INTERVENTION FOR DESTITUTE FAMILIES

Limpopo Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement, and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) MEC, Basikopo Makamu has visited sites where construction is underway in the Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality for two families whose poverty-stricken and physically impaired conditions demanded for urgent mediation.

Charles Semono (37) and his wife who are both blind, live with their 13-year-old mentally ill child at a relative's meagre dwelling, while Philemon Moela (44) and his wife live with their two children aged 2 and 7 in a one roomed house.

The heart-wrenching situations of the Semono and Moela families' living arrangements came to MEC Makamu's attention through local media coverage and community reports.

COGHSTA has allocated 445 low-cost housing units to beneficiaries under the municipality in the financial year at hand, of these, 378 (90%) of the allocated units have been completed, leaving 67 in progress.

"I believe Premier Chupu Stanely Mathabatha, whom this intervention is on the behest, and the people of Limpopo at large will be proud of the work that has been conducted so far," says MEC Makamu. The MEC also celebrates the swift building attitude of the low-cost houses for the current financial year whose deadline is in April next year.

"Just as it was envisaged in the Freedom Charter, we are providing shelter to our people and restoring their dignity. It is an added pleasure that we are able to conduct this work within the set period," says MEC Makamu.

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