

## MAKAMU WITNESSES SELFLESS FEMALE CONTRACTORS DONATE A HOUSE TO THE MAKAKABA FAMILY.



*Generous gesture: MEC Makamu with contractors, Violet Lekgothwane and Selaelo Mbadaliga before cutting the ribbon to Ruth Makakaba's house.*

Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) MEC, Mr Basikopo Makamu kicked off Women's month in Vaalwater, Modimolle-Mookgophong Local Municipality on a positive note. The CoGHSTA MEC witnessed two female contractors spent their hard-earned profit towards rebuilding and refurbishing Ruth Makakaba's house. Accompanied by Waterberg District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Jack Maeko, Modimolle-Mookgophong Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Aaron Sebolai and Speaker, Cllr. Sinah Langa, MEC Makamu officially handed Ms. Makakaba the keys to her newly rebuilt and furnished house. The house burnt down in 2017. Ruth Makakaba expressed that it is through the generous

donation of two female construction contractors namely, Violet Lekgothwane of Lekgothwane Ramasela Trading Enterprise and Selaelo Mbadaliga of Selaelo Trading Enterprise that she and her family now live in a home they can truly take pride in. Contractor, Violet Lekgothwane shared that building in Vaalwater was not as easy as she had hoped as community members would interfere with the construction process until the local municipality intervened. "My staff would be stopped from building in the area and assaulted by residents. As contractors we have the residents' best interest at heart which is building good quality houses for them. It is disheartening when the very same people we are providing services for are the ones who are causing disruption." she cried.

MEC Makamu thanked both contractors for not only completing the housing units they were allocated in Vaalwater despite the challenges and trauma they endured at the hands of unruly community members. "If residents have queries or are dissatisfied with issues pertaining to the processes of construction of housing units, it should not be at the expense of quality of the houses and completing units on time. Proper and lawful channels should be followed," said Makamu. The CoGHSTA MEC and his entourage concluded by conducting a door-to-door handover of title deeds in Vaalwater extension 2.