



DEPARTMENT OF  
CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

**Media Statement**

**To : All Media Houses**

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**HEAVY DOWNPOURS DISRUPT CONSTRUCTION OF MARAPONG  
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNIT PROJECT.**

The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), in Limpopo Province, is deeply concerned at imminent delays in the delivery of the Marapong Community Residential Unit Project. This is due to heavy downpours that the province has experienced in recent days, particularly in the Waterberg District where the CRU project is located.

As part of mitigating against the impact of the heavy rains, the Department has engaged the contractor who has been advised to adopt fast tracking and crashing methods to cover time lost due to flooding in the area. The Department also calls on the beneficiaries of this project to remain patient while efforts are being made to ensure that construction is completed. However indications show that the project is likely to continue beyond the 30th June 2025 deadline as was planned.

The Marapong Community Residential Unit Project is a CoGHSTA project that seeks to deliver much affordable housing for the community of Marapong and other surrounding areas. It is anticipated that once completed, the project will see the provision of a secure and stable rental tenure for lower income individuals who are unable to enter the formal private rental and social housing market.

The Department's commitment to Breaking New Ground in integrated human settlements has led to significant strides in providing housing for all particularly the vulnerable groups in line with the ethos of the Freedom Charter that **THERE SHALL BE HOUSING, SECURITY AND COMFORT.**



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Downpours are a blessing that provides much needed relief to the agricultural sector and give impetus to food security. The department urges communities to be vigilant during these unpredictable conditions to prevent any injuries or possible loss of lives, livestock, infrastructure and properties. The Provincial and local disaster management teams are on high alert and keeping a close eye on the unpredictable climatic conditions.

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*Issued by the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA).*

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