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MEC BENTLEY VASS CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO THE JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE (JTG) DISTRICT TO HAND OVER INDIVIDUAL HOUSES TO BENEFICIARIES; TO INSPECT THE SITES OF THE 1 BILLION RAND HOUSING PROJECT IN PERTH AND HEUNINGVLEI; AND A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE HOUSING BENEFICIARY COMMUNITY OF HEUNINGVLEI.

MEC Bentley Vass responsible for the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), in the Northern Cape, on Saturday (08 March 2025) hosted a successful visit to the John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) District, to hand over individual houses to beneficiaries; to inspect the sites of the One Billion Rand Housing Project in Perth and Heuningvlei; and a community engagement with the housing beneficiaries in Heuningvlei.

MEC Vass, accompanied by the Executive Mayor of the JTG District, Councillor Pulane Mogatle-Thoane, the District Municipality Speaker, Councillor Ephraim Aiseng, the Joe Morolong Local Municipality Mayor, Councillor Dineo Leutlwetse-Tshabalala, Kgosikgolo Hastings Jantjie and Kgosikgolo Pule Bareki, and several councillors, was to primarily inspect two sites of the 1 Billion Rand Housing Project launched by the President Cyril Ramaphosa, in January 2024, and to engage with the housing beneficiaries in the area of Heuningvlei, in the Joe Morolong Municipality.

The MEC briefed the delegation on the housing project for the JTG District and its progress. Over 500 houses will be built in Joe Morolong Municipality as part of the One Billion Rand Housing Project to address the housing backlog in the JTG District.

Following the briefing, the MEC handed over two Individual Houses to the families of Mr Albert Mothobi and of the late Ms.Selita Nkgari, in Churchill, in the Joe Morolong Municipality.

These two families were assisted by MEC Vass after site visits to the family houses and news reports on the dire state of their mud houses.

The MEC and local leadership proceeded to inspect the progress of the 1 Billion Rand Housing Project in the Perth and Heuningvlei areas. This provided the MEC with a first-hand opportunity to observe the progress in the JTG District and to engage with the contractors responsible for the area.

The successful visit was concluded with a community meeting with 200 housing beneficiaries at the Heuningvlei Community Hall, addressed by the MEC.

At this meeting, MEC Vass said "As the Northern Cape Provincial Government, we intend to expedite the 1 Billion Rand Housing Project, to ensure that you as beneficiaries are handed quality houses sooner. To this end, I am receiving weekly progress reports, and the Human Settlements Team is working closely with the contractors to ensure adherence to the project timelines."

A follow-up meeting between the Department of COGHSTA, the Traditional Council, and the District and Local Municipality will take place to address some of the challenges highlighted by members of the community, including beneficiary administration and job opportunities and sub-contracting issues.

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