

## **MAYOR PROVIDE SHELTER TO DESTITUTE FAMILY DURING IMBIZO**

**KROMKLOOF:** The Mayor of Mogalakwena Municipality Cllr Anrina Matsemela says the elderly, destitute and most vulnerable citizens must be prioritized as beneficiaries of housing unit which will be allocated by the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) in the municipality this financial year and other houses we are intending to provide to provide with the business people.

Mayor Matsemela said this on Friday (05 May 2017) during the Mayoral Imbizo's visit to Kromkloof Village, Bakenberg Cluster after she laid a brick as a symbol and assurance that they are providing a house to the Manganyi's family in the aforementioned village.

Ms Rinah Manganyi (45) who is currently residing with her seven children in a small shack under appalling conditions in Kromkloof village, Ward 9 and they depend on social grant to put food on the table

Speaking after handing food parcels to the Manganyi's family, Mayor Matsemela said, "With the help of a good Samaritan in Mokopane we are building a six room house, four bedrooms, kitchen and living area. Our intention is that on quarterly basis during our Imbizo programmes we will build a house for one of the destitute, elderly, disabled or vulnerable citizen in the village we will be visiting."

"As the ANC led government we cannot allow our voters to stay in shacks and uninhabitable houses while we can do something to arrest the situation. We must strictly ensure and monitor that only those who are mostly vulnerable get prioritized. We will meet the CoGHSTA MEC Mme Makoma Makhurupetja and present this matter to her ensure that the families with similar conditions get the necessary assistance," Matsemela added.

Ms Manganyi said, "I am so happy to see the Mayor, her entourage and the grocery she has brought us today and the house they are building for us, it is unbelievable. When it is cold like this, it is even worse for me and my family but I am confident that this year's winter will be better than others because of this shack, which I call my home. It is not in good condition and I thought I am going to die in that shack but thanks to the Mayor and her counterparts."

During the Imbizo Programme held at Happy Young Birds Sports ground most of the issues raised were shortage of water, provision of more water tankers, electricity at the extensions, need for housing, bad roads/gravel roads, crime due to non-provision of high mast lights in other villages, shortage and late responses of ambulances and staff in the clinics, lack of job opportunities, lack of skills development, and other social skills.

All managers and sector departments responded to the issues which were raised during the Mayoral Imbizo.

Mayor also responded to issues raised on the day and promised that they will work around the clock to ensure that Ms Kgaugelo Mataboge gets an RDP house. The commitment from the Mayor comes after Ms Mataboge expressed her housing concern during the Mayoral Imbizo.

“I want to ensure you that this government will work hard to bring services to you. We will continue to interact with communities through Imbizo programmes so we can speed up service delivery,” said the Matsemela.

Hundreds of the residents from Bakenberg cluster were delighted to see the leaders of the municipality comprised of the Waterberg District Executive Acting Mayor Cllr Tlhalefi Mashamaite and Mogalakwena Municipality councilors visiting their area.