



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Contractors must pay subcontractors and employees on time to avoid delays in projects.

MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa has called on main contractors and developers to pay subcontractors and employees on time to avoid delays in projects.

Speaking during a site tour at the Elijah Barayi Village, a mega city in Carltonville in the west of Gauteng, Moiloa said that the Department had improved the time taken to pay service providers.

“We pay service providers but some of them keep the money for more than 60 days not paying subcontractors and employees. This must stop. Work should not be delayed because of non-payment,” he said.

Vinolia Mashiane, Chief Investment Officer at the Gauteng Partnership Fund, said that, in projects like Elijah Barayi Village, they had accelerated the turnaround time of payments to be less than 15 days to enable construction to move at faster pace.

Moiloa said that he was happy the developer had exceeded the 10 percent expectation of the project by building over 1600 house in the 2018/2019 financial year that are in various stages of completion. The project which is a partnership between the Department and the Gauteng Partnership Fund will yield 12799 mixed housing units which include 5000 RDP flats, 1500 Community Residential Units, 1000 Social housing, 1500 Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme and 2799 bonded houses. The project will also have serviced stands towards the Rapid land release programme.

The Elijah Barayi Village, Mega has also created economic opportunities for residents and businesses of the area and surrounding. Since it was launched in 2018, development has created close to 1000 jobs created and just over 100 sub-contracting companies hired in the development.

“Human settlements projects are not only about providing houses. The 844 jobs that have been created in the first year of the project provide the much needed economic relief to the community. The development as also subcontracted 111 companies which among others are owned by women, youth, people with disability,” he said.

Moiloa thanked developer and the community of Carltonville and surrounding areas for always finding ways to resolve disputes.

“We understand that when opportunities come, everyone wants to benefit but not all of us can benefit at the same time. We thank the community for understanding that not everyone will get a job or be a sub- contractor in the project. We are also grateful that all parties are prepared to engage and that has led to minimum work stoppage,” he said.

Moiloa said that the fierce unionist and freedom fighter Elijah Barayi that the Mega City is named after will be proud of the progress thus far.

One of the young people who benefited is Itumeleng Malatsi, 32, from Khutsong south, who was an unemployed civil engineering graduate before working at the development.

Malatsi said that he started as a general labourer as there were no posts available at the time and was later appointed as a quality control officer, a position he is able to put his diploma in full use.

For Doogie Motitswe, 37, the Elijah Barayi Village, provided her company Doogie Projects an opportunity to do their first job.

Motitswe said that she has not only been taught construction in the project but also management skills.

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