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**MEC**

**FOREWORD**

**JUNE  
2023**

**The South African Reserve Bank is projecting that the South African economy will grow by a measly 0.3% in 2023, with analysts and experts predicting that a recession may be headed our way.**

Further to that, rising interest rates are putting a strain on household income, meaning that there is less for households to spend on goods and services, which puts pressure on businesses as revenue decreases as a result of that.

With a high unemployment rate that primarily affects the youth of the country, it is even more disheartening to hear that large scale retrenchments may also be coming our way and as one was reflecting on all this and what it means for the youth of our country, what came to mind were these words from the renowned British public intellectual and philosopher, Bertrand Russell, a man who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950, “being young is a synonym for change, progress and the future. Being young is, ultimately, facing challenges and creating or recreating space for future full development. It means turning problems into opportunities and solutions and being the driving force of society.”

Despite what may appear to be a dire situation of gloom and despondency, these words from Bertrand Russell remind us that the solution to many of our problems as a country lie in unlocking the immense potential of our youth.

Our government policies and programmes are critical to ensuring that we unleash the creative potential of young people to turn the problems of our society into opportunities and solutions and to indeed become the driving force that will catapult us towards achieving our developmental aspirations.

It is our youth that carry within them the potential to resolve the problems that our households are faced with, and one of the fundamental problems confronting households within Gauteng City Region is that of owning and living in a decent home that is close to social amenities and economic opportunities. Our work at human settlements is vital in creating opportunities for young people to become economically active and productive, to become asset-owners and wealth creators, all with the ultimate aim of empowering and equipping households within our city region to attain a better quality of life and standards of living towards a more equitable and socially cohesive society.

As we work at providing quality, liveable, sustainable and resilient human settlements that are a driver of socio-economic and spatial transformation as well as economic growth and development, it is important that we constantly remind ourselves that we are at the forefront of providing solutions to the problems of society and that it is in empowering our youth through all our programs that we will be able to see a turnaround in the fortunes of households within our province.

That is why it is imperative that we intensify the implementation of our turnaround strategy as a department and we accelerate programme delivery, because what we do on a daily basis as a department has the potential to create a ripple effect within the economy and society at large, that can bring about the change that we so desperately want to see.

**Lebogang Maile, MPL**

Member of the Executive Council (MEC) Gauteng: Human Settlements and Infrastructure Development



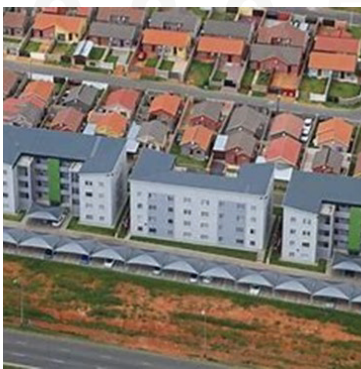
# BUDGET VOTE 2023

Nthele Motsepe



The department looks set to reverse the apartheid spatial patterns whose stubborn legacy of social inequality and economic inefficiencies remains South Africa's defining feature. Delivering the 2023/24 Budget Vote, MEC Lebogang Maile said human settlements must assist working class and poor households by strengthening their prospects of earning a decent livelihood, providing them with access to economic opportunities for upward mobility.

He went on: "In a nutshell, the provision of quality, liveable, sustainable, resilient human settlements is right at the forefront of advancing the struggles of working class and poor households in our society and ensuring that we deliver on the promise of a better life that was ushered in during the democratic dispensation."



Maile asserted that the implementation of a Turnaround Strategy that was adopted by the Executive Management was at the core of ensuring that the department delivers on its statutory mandate. The strategy, which is linked to the department's desired outcomes, traverses strategic pillars: Governance and Financial Management, Mega Projects and Rapid Land Release, Upgrading of Informal Settlements, Title Deeds and Beneficiary Administration and Hostel Redevelopment.

## MEGA PROJECTS AND RAPID LAND RELEASE

Maile continued on a charming offensive, reporting that during the 2022/23 financial year, the department delivered 6892 housing units and serviced 8643 stands.

"In total, we created 15 625 housing opportunities during the 2022/23 financial year and in fact, cumulatively, the housing opportunities created for the current term of office add up to 74 981 (39 020 housing units plus 35 961 serviced stands), this is without having included the 3812 social housing and rental units delivered through our provincial government entity, the Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF).



The MEC said the department aimed to procure serviced stands in line with the Rapid Land Release Programme. These stands, which must ideally be transferred to the beneficiaries in the same financial year, have the following characteristics:

- Average size – 250m<sup>2</sup>
- All planning approvals
- All services designs approved
- All bulk and link services installed
- All internal services completed
- Water and sewer
- Roads and stormwater
- Electricity
- Section 82 or similar certification must be provided.



# BUDGET VOTE 2023

In the past financial year, a total of

**6809**

title deeds



were registered in the province.

In respect of the 2023/24 financial year, our target for transfer is

**17 468**

title deeds



## TITLE DEEDS AND BENEFICIARY ADMINISTRATION

“A title deed enhances security of tenure and brings about opportunities for wealth creation for beneficiaries and their households. Beneficiaries can also leverage on their properties by accessing mortgage finance for further improvement on these properties, thereby increasing their values and / or to use the funds for other productive economic activities,” he said.

The department entered into an agreement with the Deeds Office in Johannesburg and Pretoria for the speedy delivery of title deeds in respect of state-subsidised houses to scale up delivery of title deeds.

He went on: “Through the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the department and various municipalities, it is envisaged that a shorter process of approval by the municipalities for clearance certificates and powers of attorney etc. will be achieved, enabling us to deliver title deeds much more quickly, as this has been one of the main bottlenecks to expeditious title deeds delivery.

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## HOSTEL REDEVELOPMENT

In a ground-breaking announcement that will be thrilling for hostel dwellers, Maile said the Gauteng Hostel Redevelopment Strategy has been approved.

Thus far the following work has been achieved:

- Assessment of the bulk requirements of all 65 hostels and proposed interventions.
- A socio-economic survey conducted to determine the extent of the housing problem in each hostel and surrounds.
- Identification of land within a specified radius of each hostel in response to the problem as well as conducting of feasibility studies.

## UPGRADING OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

Maile noted the sporadic mushrooming of informal settlements migration.

He said the provincial government we will be helping 64 district based informal settlements over the MTEF, whilst the balance will be taken care of by the metros.

He announced the planned relocation of six informal settlements, with the Mamelodi flood victims and K54 Road Reserve informal settlement being prioritised, in a partnership between the province and the City of Tshwane, through the GPF – an entity of the department.



**Socio-economic survey conducted for each hostel and surrounds**



**Land identification and feasibility studies conducted**

**73%**

**of the Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant allocated for permanent services and bulk link services**



**64**

**settlements receiving interim sanitation services**





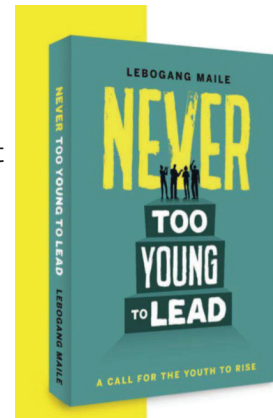
## MEC Maile launches book:

### Never too young to lead

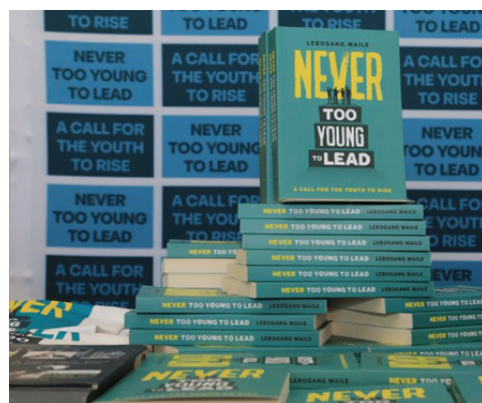
Mugabe Ratshikuni

In the book, *Never Too Young To Lead: A Call For The Youth To Rise*, MEC Lebogang Maile encourages young people to begin to rise up and take their place within society as leaders, change-agents, agenda-setters and nation-builders, through varied engagements and interactions with a select group of eminent South Africans, both young and old.

The book itself is a collage of interactions between MEC Maile and this select group of eminent South Africans, where they explore the topic of youth leadership in a diverse, reflective and in-depth manner, whilst delving into topics and subjects that are broad, such as: generational mix towards achieving national development aspirations, the dynamic interplay between leadership and followership, the dialectical relationship between education and consciousness, decolonisation and Africanisation towards building a national democratic society, the interplay between consensus building and the need for conformity in building institutions within society whilst inculcating a culture of critical thinking and reasoning, leadership traits in the twenty first century within the context of a collective leadership framework and culture, the role of organisations and mentors in unlocking and releasing the potential of young leaders, the critical importance of implementation juxtaposed with innovation and invention in the context of achieving national development objectives, climate change issues etc.



It is a book that is written in line with the traditions of the Socratic method of knowledge production and discovery and is a profoundly germane intervention in the body of work that represents public intellectual engagements that aim to contribute to the betterment of society and the improvement of the human condition. In MEC Maile's own words in the book, "the youth themselves need to be inspired, they need to believe it





# MAILE HANDS OVER TITLE DEEDS IN CULLINAN

Sithembiso Mkhize

MEC for Gauteng Department of Human Settlements has travelled the lengths and breadths of Gauteng as he accelerates service delivery. Handing over more than 300 title deeds in Refilwe township in Cullinan, Maile said this shows that the government is still working hard to resolve communities' problems.

He noted that some of those people who are waiting for houses are the same people who invaded land. "That is why we urge them as government and ask you to tell them not to invade the land because it does not help as it puts their lives in danger. Handing over title deeds is our way of restoring the dignity of our people because that title deed is important to prove that the house is officially yours and generations to come. It is not a government house anymore," said MEC.

He stressed that a title deed is an asset to accumulate wealth, and it should not be given to loan sharks who will scam them in the end. The MEC reiterated that government offers services like social housing, Rapid Land Release Program (RLRP) for people who do not earn a lot but can afford to build for themselves. He said the RLRP serviced stands are given on a sliding scale.

He warned that government won't tolerate people who will get free land from government and sell it or erect shacks to make money. "These are the things you do, and we have noted that you rent out RDP houses to foreign nationals for tuck shops and turn around to accuse government of allocating houses to foreign nationals. There is no foreign national who was given a house or a land by government, it is you who do all those things," said Maile.

"As we issue these title deeds today, we urge the community of Refilwe to work with us, let us build Refilwe and Tshwane together. We are aware that some of you are unemployed, that is why the Premier of Gauteng, Panyaza Lesufi in the State of the Province Address issued a directive that all government programmes must be held at the townships to boost the economy of our people," Maile said.





# DEPUTY MINISTER, MEC HANDED-OVER MILITARY VETERANS' HOUSES IN SEDIBENG

Sithembiso Mkhize

More than 2200 Military Veterans' houses have been allocated nationally. These were the words of the Deputy Minister of Defence & Military Veterans, Thabang Makwetla during the Military Veterans housing hand-over programme in Savanna City, Sedibeng District Municipality.

Makwetla handed over the long-awaited Military Veterans' houses in collaboration with the MEC for Gauteng Human Settlements. Savanna City development project is a mixed housing development that has delivered more than 2800 Breaking New Ground houses, five units for disabled people, 151 units for Military Veterans, almost eight hundred units for First Home Finance beneficiaries, and more than 1000 fully bonded houses.

The Military Veterans Housing project is the development that is spearheaded by both departments to ensure that they cater for the veterans who fought the apartheid government to liberate South Africa.

The two departments have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to the effect that the Department of Military Veterans has agreed to provide top funding that will cover the additional features of all the homes that will be provided for Military Veterans.

Makwetla said this project started in 2015/16 fiscal year. "As government we have allocated 2237 to military veterans houses nationally and in Gauteng alone, we have handed over 870 houses...There are beneficiaries who are old, and others have passed without getting their houses and we did discuss this issue at MINMEC. That is why we are here today, and we are happy that we are making some progress," said Makwetla.

One of the beneficiaries, Zenzile Kenneth Mvala (53), said although he cannot treat government as a charity organisation, he is grateful that he has been given a roof over his head. "I am grateful that government heard our pleas...I would also encourage others who are still waiting for houses to be patient because government is doing its best to accommodate us," said Mvala.





# BENEFICIARIES URGED NOT TO GAMBLE ON THEIR HOUSES

Luzuko Pongoma

Do not gamble your houses and future away, this was a warning to the new residents of Helderwyk extension 8 by the MMC for Human Settlements Masele Madihlaba.

Madihlaba handed over houses to the first 179 residents of the Helderwyk Mega Project and urged them to take care of their houses. "These houses are close to the casino, do not gamble them away. You must also not rent them out and return to informal settlements," said Madihlaba.

Madihlaba said that Helderwyk was in line with reversing the spatial planning of apartheid as it allowed all classes and races of people to live together. He said that residents of Helderwyk will now spend less money on transport to access their workplace and other amenities.

Alice Mkhabela said that she was happy to have finally received her house in Helderwyk. Mkhabela said in Holomisa informal settlement she faced a number of challenges but the main one was flooding which also came with some health risks even after the rain had stopped.

In a rare occurrence, sisters, Maditaba Nhlapo and Mmamohau Motaung, who applied for houses on the same day 21 years ago, were both allocated houses at Helderwyk. They have been staying in Holomisa informal settlement since 1997. Nhlapo said she is going to share her new home with her children and grandchild while Motaung is going to stay with her child.

The 179 beneficiaries who were allocated houses come from Holomisa informal Settlements, Windmill Park, and other surrounding informal settlements in the area. The Helderwyk Mega project is located in Brakpan and will yield over 13000 mixed houses when completed. The mixed housing will include, RDP flats, BNG houses, low-cost bonded houses and houses for military veterans.



# ***NASI iSPANI!***

## **launched for the youth**

Luzuko Pongoma

The Gauteng Provincial Government this year commemorated Youth Day by embarking on a recruitment drive termed “Nasi iSpani” in response to the high unemployment levels in the province.

Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi noted that Gauteng is a youthful province, with almost 30% (5,8 million) of the country’s youth population residing in the province. Approximately 2,2 million of this population is unemployed and it was for that reason that Youth Day was commemorated by embarking on a recruitment drive in response to high unemployment levels in the province.

The Premier said this was in keeping up government’s commitment to tackle unemployment in the province.

“Since February 2023, we have recruited and trained 6,000 Crime Prevention Wardens to help in the fight against crime and lawlessness in Gauteng, 6000 members of the green army through the EPWP programme to keep our province clean and we are concluding the recruitment of 6,000 young people to be trained as solar technicians,” he said.

“As the provincial government, we are committed to taking decisive decisions with speed on the issue of unemployment. Less talk, more work!” said Lesufi.





# ***NASI iSPANI!***

## ***Application process***

### **ONLINE APPLICATIONS:**

- If you are a first-time applicant on the Gauteng government jobs portal, register, and create a profile.
- If you are an existing user, login to the Gauteng government jobs portal with your details.
- Make sure your resume is complete before applying.
- Select the job you wish to apply for, read the requirements and follow the instructions.
- Make sure you attach copies of the required documents.
- Please answer criteria questions honestly and truthfully as your uploaded documents will serve as proof that you do meet the minimum requirements.
- Make sure you submit the job application before the closing date and time (14 July 2023, at midnight).

**PLEASE NOTE:** For enquiries regarding a specific position, please contact the enquiries person as indicated on each Job advert. For all other enquiries contact 0800 22 88 27 or sms \*134\*47472#

### **REMEMBER:**

- Certified copies (there is a note on the left) - Take note of this.
- Z83 Must be signed or it will disqualify you.
- Reference number: Important for HR to identify which job you are applying for
- Notice period - Can be immediately or the notice period you need to give your current employer



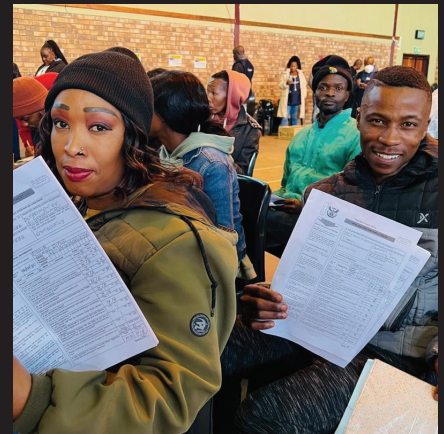
# YOUTH IN SEARCH OF iSPANI!

Luzuko Pongoma

The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements officials led by MEC Lebogang Maile, were deployed across the province as part of Nasi iSpani. This provincial government's recruitment initiative aims to address unemployment and promote access to job opportunities within the provincial government.

Amogelang Ntuli, a 22-year-old from Mabopane, expressed that Nasi iSpani gave young people a chance to apply for jobs, offering opportunities to both the young and old to break the cycle of poverty.

Naledi Monyeki, 54, also from Mabopane, shared that although they had to wake up early to queue, she was pleased with the application process.





# GPF INVITES PARTNERSHIPS TO MEET HOUSING DEMAND

GPF STAFF



Following the success of its inaugural funding seminar, the Chief Executive Officer of the Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF), Lindiwe Kwele has once again urged the private sector to join hands in addressing the housing shortage in the province.

With many people flocking into Gauteng, the housing backlog is estimated to be around 1.2 million.

The GPF is an agency of the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements responsible for leveraging various resources in collaboration with the private and public sectors to accelerate the delivery of affordable rental housing.

Kwele told more than 270 stakeholders: “Our clean financial audit reports over the past 13 consecutive financial years are indicative of an organisation with sound financial management and governance processes. This favourable audit status continues to build strong investor confidence.”

The organisation has had successful partnerships with entities including the Public Investment Corporation and Future Growth, helping it build excellent fund management experience. This is in addition to its residential experience in various forms of financing, such as bridging finance, term loans, and equity-type and institutional subsidies. The GPF prides itself in having built up critical skills in structured financing, project packaging, and investment facilitation.

The GPF Funding Seminar aimed to explore how the GPF, through the delivery of housing and other spinoffs such as job opportunities spawned by the projects it has implemented, has positioned itself as a partner of choice for impact investment. The panel noted the opportunity for its combined resources to be augmented by the R9 trillion assets under management in the retirement fund sector.

The Deputy Director General for Planning & Property Management at the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements, Daniel Molokomme added: “The GPF also plays a critical role in the provision of units for student accommodation, as well as social housing.”

Kwele said the GPF is the preferred partner to government, property developers, as well as co-funding partners, thanks to its long track record of promoting economic empowerment by offering preferential rates to BBBEE accredited developers, a variety of attractive products, as well as the job creation, and local economic development spin-offs stimulated by its funded projects.



# GPF CALLS ON FUNDING PARTNERS FOR HOUSING

Partnerships with the private sector go a long way towards addressing this backlog.

The Gauteng Partnership Fund, which recently marked its 20th anniversary, is an agency of the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements responsible for leveraging various resources in collaboration with the private and public sectors to accelerate the delivery of affordable rental housing. Since inception, it has leveraged over R3 billion from the private and public sectors and extended more than R2 billion towards affordable housing projects.

The GPF Funding Seminar, themed: "Twenty years in delivering affordable housing through strategic partnerships", aimed to explore how the GPF, through the delivery of housing and other spinoffs such as job opportunities spawned by the projects it's implemented, has positioned itself as a partner of choice for impact investment.

The seminar, which was attended by over 270 people - both physically and virtually -, featured several panelists including the newly appointed National Housing Finance Corporation's CEO, Azola Mayekiso; Zama Khanyile, the Divisional Executive: Venture Capital & Corporate Finance at the National Empowerment Fund; Lusanda Netshitenzhe, the CEO of TUHF21; Lizanne Hennop, the manager of the Property Development Service Unit at Urban-Econ; Wits University senior lecturer, Dr. Prisca Kasanhayi-Simbanegavi; Mandy Jayakody, the director at Aquila Projects, and the GPF's Acting Chief Investment and Development Officer, Shiraaz Lorgat.

GPF offers several programmes for property developers of varied experience.

**Social Housing Fund:** The Social Housing Fund was developed for social housing institutions that require an equity injection to the project. The GPF equity enhances the debt-to-equity ratio for projects to enable lenders to finance them on favourable terms.

**Student Accommodation Fund:** The Student Accommodation Housing Fund was developed for student accommodation service providers that require additional funding for the project. The mezzanine or junior type loan enhances the debt-to-equity ratio for projects to enable senior lenders to finance.

**Commercial Housing Fund:** The Commercial Affordable Housing Programme is designed to promote the participation of experienced housing developers and rental property owners in the affordable housing market.

**Empowerment Property Fund:** The Entrepreneur Empowerment Property Fund (EPPF) is a programme designed to promote the participation of previously disadvantaged-owned companies in the affordable rental property market.

Find more information visit: [www.gpf.org.za](http://www.gpf.org.za)





# MINISTER KUBAYI LED SA AT UN-HABITAT ASSEMBLY

Amanda Khoza

Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi led the South African delegation to the Second United Nations Habitat Assembly held under the theme: "A sustainable urban future through Inclusive and effective multilateralism: achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Times of global crises."

The United Nations Habitat Assembly was hosted in Nairobi, Kenya from the 5th to the 9th of June 2023.

Minister Kubayi in her closing statement said "My delegation is excited and pleased that a resolution on Accelerating the Transformation of Informal Settlements and Slums had been adopted by the Assembly. We are grateful for the trust and engagement in the spirit of co-creation.

"We see the great value of this UN-Habitat Assembly platform in regaining momentum for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 11. We have agreed on 10 key actions for slum transformation and committed to those." Minister Kubayi said during her closing statement at the UN-Habitat Assembly.

The SA delegation participated in the African Ministerial roundtable on Resilient Urban Future in Africa: Scaling Innovation and Financing, and on ensuring equitable access to adequate housing for residents of informal settlements on the Habitat for Humanity International panel.

On day four the Minister and the delegates conducted site visits to some of the Social Housing projects in Nairobi.

"It became clear during the engagements through bilateral meetings, side events, and other relevant meetings that member states have common challenges and that call for the government to implement policies and directive that seeks to address housing, poverty, and unemployment".  
Added Kubayi

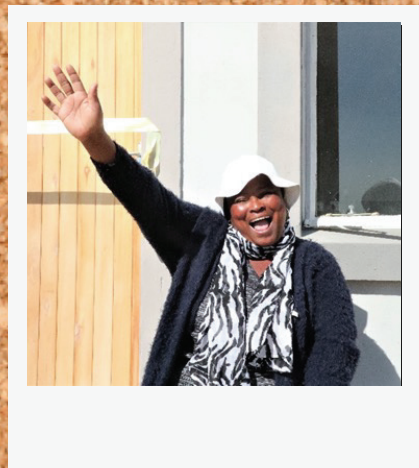
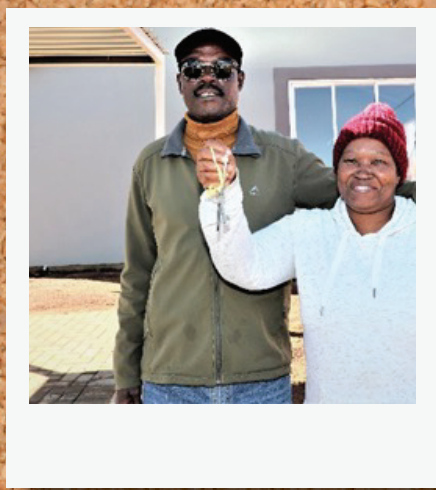
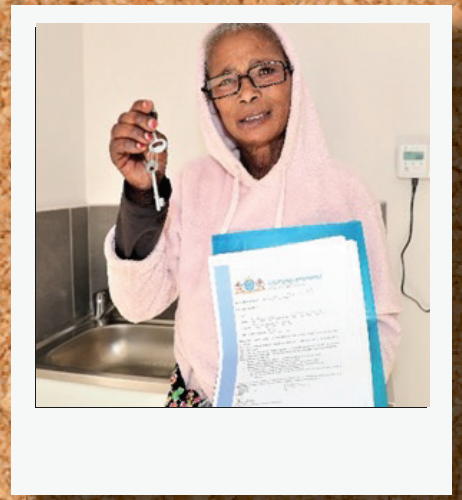
Issues of adequate and affordable housing, urban climate action, urban crisis recovery, localization of the SDGs, finance, and prosperity were top on the agenda of the Assembly.





# Qualifying beneficiaries received keys to their new homes during the handing over of houses to Military Veterans in Sedibeng District Municipality and Helderwyk extension 8 in Ekurhuleni.

Photos by Amanda Khoza





# CHOLERA PREVENTION

## Golden rules to prevent Cholera



### TREAT OR STERILIZE THE WATER BEFORE DRINKING OR COOKING

Boil water for one minute or put 1 teaspoon of household bleach into 25 litres of water and wait for 30 minutes before use.

### ENSURE PROPER HAND HYGIENE

Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitiser when handling food and after using the toilet.



### COOK FOOD WELL AND KEEP IT COVERED

Always boil, cook, and peel what you eat.

### ALWAYS DISINFECT AND CLEAN YOUR SURFACES

Areas for food preparation and kitchenware are to be cleaned with soap and treated water.



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