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MEDIA ALERT

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DEMOCRACY HAS ALSO ARRIVED AT MY DOOR STEP – PENSIONER

Pensioner Chritina Molefe, thought her house might move away so she could not wait for the transport assigned to pick her up from her home in Greenhill as she attempted to walk kilometres to her new house. Luckily officials from the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements were behind her.

“I know it’s early but I could not wait. It is like the house will move and run away from me,” she said. Since retirement, Molefe, 70, has been living at her former employer’s home but today (02 May) she was one of the first beneficiaries to receive a home at the Afri Village Mega City in Randfontein.

“God has remembered me. Finally the democracy has come to my door step,” said the emotional Molefe as she was being given keys to her house.

Molefe said that she applied for a house in 1996 and will now live with her grandchild who will take care of her in her new home.

Another beneficiary, Mphikeleli Dlamini, 65 said that life was going to be better in his new home. “As a pensioner, I am struggling, after paying rent and transport for my last born to go to school, I am left with nothing. I am happy that I finally have a home that my children will inherit,” said the father of three who has been renting for years.

He pleaded for furniture to good Samaritans who can assist him to beautify his new home. Dlamini said he was born in Alexandra before moving to Meadowlands, Protea Glen and Zuberkom before settling in Elensvlei in Mogale City.

MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa said that allocating houses to Molefe and Dlamini was part of the department’s commitment of prioritising the people who applied in 1996, the elderly, people living with disability and child headed households.

Moilola said that more partnership between government and private sector were needed to enable developments like Afri Village, in which private companies owned land and government came up with the plan to build houses.

Tim Sukazi, board member at the Gauteng Partnership fund, which is a GDHS' capital raising and implementing agency for a number of mega projects that include the Afri Village mega city, said that they were proud of the progress made in the project.

“Our processes have been efficient in ensuring that developers do not suffer from the cash flow constraints and our turnaround times are quick and we have hands on project managers that assist the developers with any challenges that they might be having,” he said.

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