

MAYOR DELIVERS A HOUSE FOR THE LETSOALOS AS PROMISED

Today, the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality officially handed over keys to a new house to the Letsoalo family of Dipatjeng Village in ward 33. The Mayor had promised to build the family a house on the 1st of September 2021 during a sod-turning ceremony. At the time the Mayor indicated that it will take two months to complete the house, however, the house was completed in just a month. Speaking at the handover, Mayor Mangena said "We are so much happy to be coming here to improve the living conditions of the Letsoalo family, we are very much proud that their dignity is restored. The mayor also supplied the family with two double beds, a fridge, and a stove.

The Mayor also applauded members of the community who intervened to assist the family with a shelter before the Mayor's intervention. The community has already started with the construction of a three-room house but couldn't finish due to financial constraints.

The beneficiary, Khutjo Letsoalo was overwhelmed with joy and excitement. She expressed her gratitude to the Mayor for coming to her aid as she narrated her hardship in the aftermath of the storm that damaged her mud houses, which became inhabitable.

The family of six has been living in very harsh conditions since their three mud houses collapsed due to heavy rainfall in January 2021. The family was supplied with a tent which was later damaged by a

storm.

Khutjo Letsoalo lives with her three children and two grandchildren. She survives on R700 a month which she gets from her job at Kwanda, a local programme providing labour-intensive work for locals.

The house was built by Meopeng Trading owned by Church Mushwana, a local businessman.