

Duma and Inkosi Mqoqi Ngcobo re-opens Hlungwana Bridge in Ntuzuma. The bridge was damaged by floods | More than R21 million was spent to repair the bridge

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Ntuzuma, Nhlungwana Bridge: As the festive season is right upon us, we have reopened Hlungwana Bridge in Ntuzuma.

We thank Inkosi Mqoqi Ngcobo and local councillors for being the link between the Department and local communities.

The re-opening of the bridge in Ward 54 will link Inanda and Ntuzuma/Nhlungwana areas. This strategic road serves as a link to Bridge City Mall, Main Road M25, and other essential business activities.

The April 2022 floods washed away a large part of this road on the section over the Piesang River. This is where teacher Noxolo Khumalo died when her car drove over the damaged bridge.

We do know that nothing will console the family following this tragic loss that no man can heal.

This is the most difficult period for the Khumalo family as most families spend time with their loved ones during the festive season.

May God grant them strength.

Lastly, we wish to indicate that we have managed to find land to build houses for the families that are living in this flood line area. The plan is to move all families and ensure that they live comfortably even when there are floods.

Once again, we send our deepest condolences to the Khumalo family.

Lastly, we wish to express our deepest appreciation to Inkosi Ngcobo who has offered to make land available to enable the Department of Human Settlements to build houses for families living along the River.

Inkosi has also offered to champion our campaign aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of building in flood line areas.

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