



## KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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### **Raging Runaway Veld Fires Have Destroyed Homes in Rural Parts of KZN**

Statement on the quick intervention by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements,  
Siboniso Duma

08 July 2024,

Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We wish to inform the people of KwaZulu-Natal that a roving team led by the Head of the Department of Human Settlements, Mdu Zungu has been assigned to get more information about the number of houses that have been destroyed by runaway veld fires.

We have received sketchy information about houses that have been destroyed in eShowe, Nkandla, UMtsheni, Utretch, and Umtubatuba.

The roving team in various districts is on the ground and doing assessments.

Importantly, we are requesting anyone with details of the family in the attached video to forward information to the WhatsApp number 082 375 4742.

During this time of need, we offer to ensure that we work with the National Department of Human Settlements and other relevant departments to speed up interventions that will restore the dignity of families in distress.

We take comfort in the fact that both the national government of unity and provincial government of unity have adopted an integrated approach to strengthen service delivery.

We have now entered an era of efficiency and a quick turnaround time to bring much-needed assistance to rural communities who are living under the yoke of poverty and underdevelopment.

We will be reporting on the progress made in relation to the interventions by the Department of Human Settlements.

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