

**Historic 6,034 houses built in rural areas, 100 houses handed over in uMzimkhulu and 432 houses built in Harry Gwala District: Duma is driving rural housing development as he engages with mayors and local communities.**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We had a successful engagement with mayors and communities in Harry Gwala District as part of the acceleration of construction of houses, roads and bridges.

In particular, together with the Mayor of Harry District Municipality Cllr Zamo Nxumalo and the Mayor of Umzimkhulu Local Municipality Cllr Jabulile Msiya, we handed over houses to needy communities in Ward 8.

A total of 100 houses have been handed over in Umzimkhulu and more than 432 have been built in Harry Gwala District in general.

For the whole province, we wish to report the following achievements:-

- Fully subsidized houses built = 8,913
- Houses built in rural areas = 6,034
- Houses delivered to vulnerable groups through Operation Sukuma Sakhe = 814
- Sites serviced to enable people to build their own houses = 2,397
- Title deeds registered = 2,347
- Households assisted to buy houses through the First Home Finance Programme = 305

Ends.

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