

MAKWAEBA FAMILY'S DIGNITY RESTORED AS MEC BASIKOPO MAKAMU HANDS OVER A NEWLY BUILT AND FULLY FURNISHED HOME

The livelihoods of the Makwaeba family at Witten Village (Ga-Marais) in Ward 19 have been changed for the better following the handing over of a new home.

On Januar 30, the Corporate Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) MEC, Mr Basikopo Makamu accompanied by Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga, Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka and the Whip of Council, Cllr Johanna Rangata handed over a fully furnished house to the family.

The beneficiary, 60-year old, Ms Andricah Thete Makwaeba was living in a one-roomed house with 15 members of her family including siblings.

After being notified of the poor conditions the family lived in by Ward Councillor Shirley Raphasha, the department extended a helping hand to the family through collaboration with contractors and build them a house. MEC Makamu indicated that he is continuing to engage donors to assist the family with other basic needs.

"We have build them a house, which is not enough. I had a chat with the family and the mother here indicated her own children are 6 and 8 grandchildren. I've spoken to the people who donated this house to help us buy uniform for all school going children just to use it as an example that if we can encourage our children to go to school, they will be able to change their situations. We want to see the Makwaeba family grow like any other households here".



