

## DIGNITY OF FARM DWELLERS TO BE RESTORED AS MUNICIPALITY REGISTER THEM FOR ALLOCATION OF RESIDENTIAL SITES

Today, the Speaker of Blouberg Local Municipality Council, Cllr Blanco Boloka and Economic Development and Planning Chairperson, Cllr Dan Mosena were in Swartwater, Ward 20 to monitor the registration of farm dwellers. The municipality was conducting the registration of residents/workers for the purposes of allocation of residential sites.

The Speaker indicated that the municipality cares about its residents and the registering process was a way of responding to farm dwellers/workers residential/housing needs.

Cllr Dan Mosena said as the chairperson of Economic Development and Planning Department it is their responsibility to ensure that farmer dwellers/workers have places of their own.

"After intervention of the Executive Committee and the Mayor's Office, we contacted the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development as it provides residents with land. Our meeting with them was to ensure that farm workers in our locality are catered for as far as land is concerned. So, we are here today to register them on the programme so that they received their residential sites".

Cllr Mosena added that, what the municipality was doing today is the same method applied in other areas. "We are doing what we did in Alldays, Tolwe and here in Swartwater making sure that farm workers have their homes".

Farm dwellers extended their gratitude to the municipality for its programme to get farm dwellers in the area their own place. Jimmy Malete said he couldn't wait to be allocated residential site and a government house, something him and his fellow farm dwellers dreamt of owning for many years.

"I'm happy that the municipality is here today to register our names for allocation of sites. I'm one of the people that have been residing in these farms for years. I'm pleased that our government is here to give us service in a form of residential sites. I can't wait to have a place of my own".





