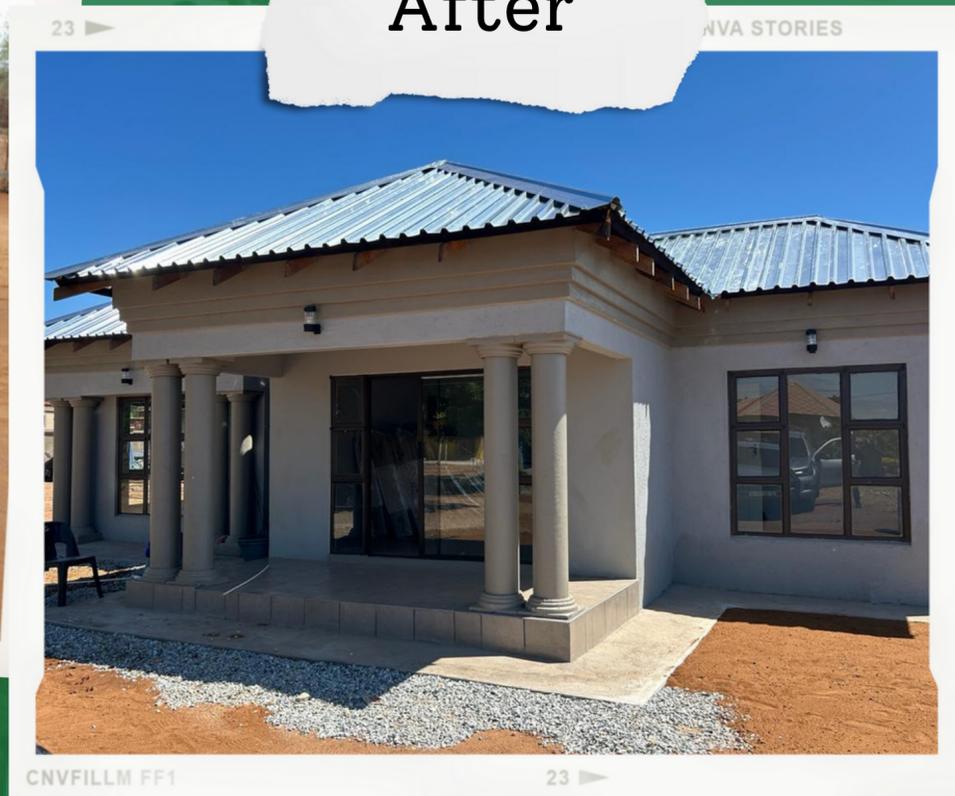




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MOTHER OF SEVEN RELIEVED AS SHE RECEIVES FULLY FURNISHED HOUSE

A mother of seven who has been living in one-room with all her children and a grandchild is relieved to have received a fully furnished three-bedroom house that also has a bathroom and ablution facility.

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The unemployed single mother, Phindile Vukeya from Mageva village in ward 25 of Greater Giyani Municipality lost mother while she was still young, and had to fend for herself from an early age. The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Cllr. Pule Shayi handed over the house on Sunday, 18 February 2024.

This is the third house the Executive Mayor has handed over to destitute families in the past five month, having handed a house to Mkhabela family at Gandlanani in September and the Mkansi family at Makoxa B9 in December last year.

“We used to sleep in the one-room where there was no privacy. My eldest daughter is 17 years old, but amongst my children I also have a son who is 12 years old. He would go sit outside whenever I had to bath, and I would go sit outside whenever he had to bath. It was difficult. I’m very happy to finally have a proper and safe house for my family.

“I’m also grateful for the efforts the Municipality is making to ensure that I get registered at the TVET college, so that I can get a qualification and hopefully a good job, so I can provide for my family,” said Phindile Vukeya.

The Executive Mayor had committed to build the house in July last year through the help of businesspeople. “We have an obligation to restore the dignity our people. If we are to restore the dignity of our people we would therefore have to provide basic services, and of course this include decent shelter. With this gesture, we are restoring that dignity.”

The Municipality is closer to the completion of water reticulation projects in the village which will see all residents receiving water direct to their houses. The project is part of phase 1 of the water reticulation project where water from the augmented Giyani Water Works will be purified and supplied to communities.

