



Annual Housing Awareness Drive

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The Nelson Mandela Bay in intensifying its drive for providing a better life for all through shelter, comfort and security, is launching its Annual Housing Awareness Drive. This campaign is intended to enhance communication between the Housing Directorate and communities in the Nelson Mandela Bay. It is driven by the belief that to enhance meaningful and progressive housing service delivery, continuous contact with communities should be maintained at all times.

The campaign will be launched at a Housing Stakeholders Breakfast to be held on 15 April 2008 at the City Hall.

The campaign also involves communicating and engaging communities on the Housing Turnaround strategies which is ready for implementation. To successfully implement the plan WE NEED THE SUPPORT AND MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITIES.

The Turnaround Strategy has the following key deliverables :

1. SCCCA – these are houses that qualify for plaster, paint and ceilings in terms of the SCCCA allowance
 - Current Situation : a total of R63,5m has been made available to date for the provision of plaster only, and or plaster and paint
 - Interventions : Old Projects will be plastered and provided with ceilings within the next two years
 - Outcomes : all new houses will be plastered, painted and provided with ceilings.
2. Old Projects – these are projects where agreements have been signed and where implementation started prior to 2006/07
 - Current Situation : there is a total of 68 Old Projects which involve 36 854 subsidies. This also includes a total of 36 so-called Blocked Projects
 - Interventions : old projects were split into verified and non-verified projects
 - Four specific benchmarks were determined to indicate readiness of a project to be closed-out
 - The status of the building work on sites has been determined
 - Analysis of financial, contract situation and completion of project process has been done
 - Outcomes : old projects will be closed out
3. Current Projects: these are projects where agreements have been signed in 06/07 and 07/08 and where contractors are in the process of implementation
 - Current Situation - there are 10 housing projects with a total of 2545 subsidies
 - Interventions : project management strategy is in place
 - Outcomes : speedy and efficient provision of houses
- a. New Projects – these are projects where funding agreements have not been signed yet and/or contractors have not been appointed yet
 - Current Situation : a total of 36 projects have been identified for implementation in the next 18 months
 - Interventions : that projects will 3 phased to have a pre-implementation, implementation and monitoring phases
 - Projects will be categorized into in-situ and destination areas
 - A comprehensive 7 year plan is being prepared
 - Outcomes : provision of more houses to provide shelter and dignity to our communities
- b. Informal settlements – these are areas in the Metro where there are still informal dwellings in existence, whether on surveyed or serviced land, or whether in a totally Greenfields portion of land.
 - Current Situation : there are 117 informal areas in the Nelson Mandela Bay
 - Interventions : A process is in place to determine whether areas will be in-situ or relocation areas
 - Confirmation of existing layouts in terms of sustainable communities
 - Link the informal area into the 7 year housing plan
 - Outcomes : Provide houses for people where they are or relocate to housing projects or upgrade informal settlements

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