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Sisulu Calls On Western Cape Provincial Government To Accelerate De-congestion Of Informal Settlements

The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu has called on the Western Cape Provincial Government to accelerate de-congestion of informal settlements. This after reports have confirmed that one of the informal settlements is COVID-19 hot spot.

Over a month ago, Minister Sisulu together with the Provincial MEC of Human Settlements Tertuis Simmers and the City of Cape Town Member of the Mayoral Committee, Cllr Malusi Booi visited a site identified for resettlements of residents from Dunoon informal settlements. At the time the Minister had said there should be no more delays in relocating the approximately 1 500 families.

“We cannot allow a situation whereby our internal processes put lives of our people at risk. I appeal to everyone concerned to work around the clock to ensure that the affected residents are moved in order to minimise risks of them contracting the virus”, said Minister Sisulu.

Currently the Western Cape has the highest number of active cases of COVID-19. This requires everyone to pull up their socks to save the vulnerable people of Du Noon, Kosovo and Ithemba informal settlements. The total number of Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) expected to be erected in Cape Town to ease congestion in informal settlements is 6000.

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