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Minister Sisulu visits Mamelodi to receive 100 water tanks from Danish embassy

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The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Ms Lindiwe Sisulu says water tanks donated by the Danish Embassy will benefit hostel dwellers in Mamelodi Hostel to ensure that they have access to reliable water to wash their hands regularly.

She said this during her visit to Mamelodi on Thursday, 14 May 2020, where she received 100 water tanks from Denmark Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Tobian Elling Rehfeld in the company of South African Human Rights Commission's Mohamed Armeenia.

During this occasion, Minister Sisulu also inspected Temporary Residential Units structures that being built by Housing Development Agency to ensure adherence to social distancing by hostel dwellers.

This is part of interventions to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic that has claimed thousands of lives around the world.

Minister Sisulu said the temporary structures are expected to be completed by the end of June 2020 and they will go a long way to assist thousands of people who reside in overcrowded Mamelodi hostels.

"We could have not chosen a better place to receive these donations. We are in Mamelodi hostel and this is one of the biggest hostels in our country with a population of over 8000 residents", Sisulu said.

The Minister stated that: "it is evident to all of us what our people are going through as they try to comply with COVID-19 regulations, particularly social-distancing. The settlement we are in today is congested. It is for this reason that we have decided to intervene with the construction of 1000 Temporary Residential Units".

Sisulu further stressed that the structures that are being built by Housing Development Agency and the water storage tanks donated by Danish embassy will improve the living conditions of our people.





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The South African Human Rights Commissioner Advocate Mohamed Armeenia applauded the work of the Minister and her Departments.

“I must commend the Minister for walking the talk towards dignity for our people, Minister I want to congratulate you on the work in progress.

In her closing remarks Minister Sisulu called upon the private sector to partner with the Department to restore the dignity of our people through human settlements, water and sanitation

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