The Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality Cllr Shadrack Maluleke has today joined the MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Basikopo Makamu during the handing over ceremony of two houses to needy families in the Collins Chabane Local Municipality. The first beneficiary is Ms. Madzivandlela Chauke (100 years old). The Chauke family stayed in two old houses, both of which are severely deteriorated and present significant risks:

- Both houses have extensive cracks and are on the verge of collapse, posing a danger to the family, particularly the elderly Ms. Chauke.
- The structures lack proper ventilation, further compromising their habitability.
- Neither house has a functional or adequate kitchen, exacerbating the family's living challenges.

The second beneficiary is forty year old, Ms Portia Misheki, a mother of four, who resides at Mhinga Zone 2, a victim of domestic abuse.

The family's current living arrangement was dire—they share a cramped, one-roomed structure that is entirely inadequate for their needs.

The handing over is also part of government's continued efforts aimed at protecting and empowering women and children, taking a stand against all forms of abuse, pushing back the frontiers of poverty and restoring dignity during the 16 Days of Activism against violence towards women and children.

Speaking during the ceremony the MEC for CoGHSTA said the Department will work around the clock in ensuring that deserving beneficiaries have access to proper shelter as stated in the Freedom Charter.

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