

AFRISAM HANDS OVER TWENTY-FOUR HOUSES IN LADYSMITH

Friday 12 August 2011 - To celebrate and acknowledge women and the right to adequate housing, on August 12, AfriSam handed over houses to 24 Ladysmith beneficiaries of the Shayamoya Mayoral Housing Project who have been living in informal dwellings for the past 10 years.

As a means to alleviate the province's housing backlog, AfriSam established the Shayamoya housing project and built the twenty-four, three bedroom houses with the help of the Uthukela District and Ladysmith local Municipalities who provided roads infrastructure, domestic water supply, storm-water drainage systems and technical services.

The company followed a self-established criteria and selected beneficiaries in Steadville, Ladysmith who are categorised as child headed families, orphans, elderly, physical and mentally abused and children infected with HIV and AIDS. The age of the beneficiaries ranges from between 25 to 73 years.

"AfriSam is proud to be associated with an initiative that has realised the need to afford ordinary South Africans with one of the most basic but yet significant human rights –

that of proper housing,” explains AfriSam Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Tsholo Diale.

“Even though housing is deemed a basic right that all South Africans should enjoy, millions of families still struggle with adequate shelter. AfriSam saw a need and as part of our social responsibility strategy we have decided to build 24 houses in the Ladysmith region.”

Ownership of the houses to beneficiaries was handed over by Chairman of the AfriSam Board Dr. Eltie Links, Minister of Mineral Resources; Susan Shabangu, and Deputy Minister of Human Settlements; Zoliswa Kota-Fredericks.

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