

Human Settlements Budget Vote 38 Speech by Hon Ncawu Mafu, (ANC) MP Thursday, 10 May 2018

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Botani

Chairperson

Sidlulisa amazwi ovelwano kusapho olushywe ngabantwana abahlanu nabantu abathathu kwintlekele yomlilo obhubhise kwindawo yogobityolo eTaiwan eKhayelitsha apha entshona koloni.

Sibuhlungu yindlela abantu bakuthi abasoloko bezifumana bekuyo ebeka ubomi babo emnciphekweni.

Sisoloko sikhumbuza izibhambathiso zoMqulu weNkululeko kunye noMgaqo-siseko welilizwe apho sibabaza ukubaluleka kwamalungelo abantu kunye nesidima sabo esasidwengulwe yingcinezelo nokunyahswa kwamalungelo abo. Umqolo 26 phaya kuMgaqo-siseko uchaza ngokubanzi ngamalungelo abantu ngokuphathelele kwizindlu. Isibhambathiso se ANC (election manifesto) sonyulo luka 2014, sitsho ngokumhlophe ukuba iindawo zokuhlala ezidibanise bonke abantu , ukulungiswa kweendawo zogobityolo, ukunikezelwa kobunini bezindlu , ukukhathalelwa kwabo sithi (missing middle) Ootitshala , amapolisa, abongikazi nabo bonke abasebenzi bakaRhulumente.

Umqulu karhulumente wohlahlo lwabiwo-mali oka (2014-2019 MTSF) phantsi komphumela wesibhozo othi, Ukuphuculwa kwempilo yamakhaya nokhawuleziswa kokuhlaliswa kwabo, uthathe lemiba wayenza inqubo yelisebe.

Inkomfa yombutho wesizwe (ANC) kunyaka odlule phaya NESREC iqinisekisa ukuba elisebe liyakukwenza ngempumelelo konke oku. UMongameli wesizwe obekekileyo uMnumzana Cyril Ramaphosa utsho mhlope ukuba eliSebe lidlala indima enkulu kwiNguqu eNgqongqo yezoQoqosho (Radical Economic Transformation) nophuhliso loluntu, kwaye lubalulekile ekulweni indlala, intswelangukesho kunye nokungalingani.

Ikomiti yoyezokuhlaliswa koluntu ishukuxile umba wohlahlo lwabiwo lwelisebe, elingu Vote 38. Ngomhla we 17,18, 19 April 2018, kunye namaqumrhu elisebe (entities) yaze ingxelo yalekomiti yamkelwa ngamalungu alekomiti ngomhla we 3 May 2018.

Siyawubona umsebenzi omkhulu ophethwe lelisebe, wokuqinisekisa ukuba abantu boMzantsi Afrika bayayiphila into yokuba umcimbi wokuhlaliswa koluntu ayisosibonelelo nje koko lilungelo lokuphila kwab bonke abantu boMzantsi. Siyazingca ke ngomsebenzi omhle weliSebe nangona ekhona amakhwiniba pha naphaya. Umhloli jikelele wezimali (auditor general) naye uyancoma, Siyalu xhasa ke oluhlahlolwabiwo-mali.

The 2018/19 budget of 32.5 Billion allocated to the department is a crucial instrument towards

achieving the salient objective of the National Development Plan, (NDP) such as Transforming Spatial Planning, securing well located Land for affordable housing and transforming the property sector. That is why, we the portfolio committee on human settlements here today to support the 2018/19 budget of the department so that it continues delivering on its mammoth task.

Chairperson

The Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) which amount to R 18 billion is the one that the department distribute to provinces, we continue to note that performance of provinces is the life line of overall performance of the national department. We continue to be concerned about the performance of North West, Limpopo and Gauteng, while a significant amount of the budget of these aforementioned provinces has been moved to HDA which is the entity which is also the implementing agent of the department. We hope that the capacity of HDA will be improved such that provinces will benefit value for their money, which will then improve an overall performance of the department. We also note that HDA is responsible for catalytic projects across the country, that a big responsibility.

Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG) which is allocated to Metro's takes about 11 billion of the budget. The Metro's must utilize the bulk of this grant for informal Settlements Upgrade and Infrastructure. Mangaung, Buffalo- City, eThekweni, Tshwane and Nelson Mandela are not doing badly on this grant, but we are concerned about Nelson Mandela and how it wants to spend the extra allocation given to them by the department, that situation must be monitored closely. City of Cape Town has never spent 100% of this grant since 2011, despite the mammoth challenges of service delivery that the city is facing. We have requested them to furnish the committee with a list of informal settlements that they are busy upgrading, we are still waiting. In the meantime, we see through media that in Island informal settlement, shacks were demolished whilst having their belongings inside. We commend the City of Cape Town though for being able to channel some of its USDG funding from the previous financial year to assist with draught crises, we sincerely hope that this was not for the benefit of the Israel Government. The Jo'burg Metro has been a disappointment to the committee, this metro could not spend even 50% of its allocated USDG. With all the challenges of service delivery protests they still are unable to spend, even with some of their funds re-allocated to other Metros. Please Minister we seek your urgent intervention in Jo'burg, the department must explain to the committee as to what intervention measures are they going to implement.

Although we still have challenges concerning the availability of land, for establishment of residential areas, in well located areas, closer to development and places of work we are pleased with the resolution of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) which resolved that all state land and property will be offered to the department of Human Settlement before it get sold. The HDA and to some extent Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) are at the fore-front of reclaiming well located state land and properties situated in urban areas. This is the progressive collaboration required as we journey towards dismantling historical spatial patterns and constructing integrated communities' in South Africa.

Hon Chairpersons

Challenge with land acquisition however are not a licence for our people to invade and unlawfully erect dwellings. We are pleased that the department is in discussion with the department of higher education on our recommendation on student accommodation. That level of proactivity and commitment is commendable. We await progress soon.

Hon Chairperson

We are keeping a close eye on the pace and reach of the transformation in property sector. We urge

EAAB and the department to accelerate and enhance its transformation initiatives. The committee wishes to see an enlarged foot print and greater visibility of human settlements departments entities.

Hon Chairperson

I want to extend a word of appreciation to the members of the committee, the respect that display & cooperation during our deliberations contributes in assisting the department in meeting its objectives, keep up the good work . Furthermore, we want to appreciate the cooperation we have always receive from the officials of the department and its entities led by Director General Mr Mbulelo Tshangane,. Our interaction with yourselves is not always rosy but all of us understand the bigger picture. To the support staff the Content Advisor Sabelo, Committee Assistant Sithabiso, Researcher Tshepo, and Committee Secretary Koliswa. Thank you!

Hon Chairperson

Umsebenzi wokwakha uMzantsi Afrika ngowomntu wonke kwaye ayingomsebenzi omncinane. Isebe ele libonakalisile ukuba wulungele lomsebenzi, yiyo lonto sifuna niqhubele phambili ngalomsebenzi omhle kangaka, siyaphinda siyatsho ukuba siyaluxhasa olulwabiwo-mali.

Nikani ukhongoLOSE elithuba lokuba aqhubeke ukwenza iimpilo zenu. zibengcono. Egameni likaMadiba, nomama uSisulu nendima yabo kulomzabalazo masithi bhazalala ngo 2019 siyokuvotela umbutho weSizwe.

The ANC Supports this budget

I thank you.

Budget Vote 38 on Human Settlements by Cde Nkadimeng

Modula Setulo wa ntlo ye a hlomphegago

Letona la tsa kago ya mantlo, matona ka moka, le batlatsi ba bona.

Maloko a ntlo ye e hlomphegago

Baeng ba rena

Ke a le Dumedisa.

Kago ya mantlo ke peapeano mowe e mongwe le o mongwe elego tshia ya letsatsi leo.

Seo sebonagala ge mmuso woo o etilego pele ke ANC o tswelletsa mananego ao a sepelelanogo le dipolicy tsa gona, ka thelelo, bokgwari le bopepetla.

Creating integrated sustainable human settlements, restoring the dignity of our people, ensuring their security of tenure and promoting their participation in the economy is at the heart of the commitments of the African National Congress and its work.

To give life to these aspirations, the Department of Human Settlements is given a mandate and a budget to dismantle exclusionary spatial patterns of the past as highlighted by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address. It is no coincidence or not by chance that the ANC supports the budget allocated to this department. Instead, it is through empirical evidence and many

successes (such as being World Acclaimed for housing provision for the poor) that the ANC wants the department to continue to implement programmes that bring about a lasting change and improve the quality of life for our people .

The 2018/19 budget allocations are an instrument for the ANC-led government to honour its commitments in the housing sector.

Radical Economic Transformation

In line with the agenda to radically transform the economy, it is encouraging to note that the Department of Human Settlements will continue to honour the RET agenda through having 30% set asides for designated groups. These set asides are located in the Human Settlement Development Grant and the Urban Settlements Development Grant of the department . This is one way how the department, through its budget allocation is contributing towards the inclusion of African women, men, youth and people with disabilities to participate in the economy. Financing of small and upcoming contractors through the National Urban Reconstruction and Housing Agency (which has a budget of R75.9 million in the 2018/19 financial year) also positively contributes to the Radical Economic Transformation agenda of the ANC-led government . Despite all these efforts by national government, it is disappointing to note that DA-led metros such as the City of Cape Town and Johannesburg have failed to spend their USDG and HSDG in order to uplift and upgrade informal settlements . This underspending questions the intention of these such metros as government labours towards providing adequate and integrated human settlements for our people country wide.

Upgrading of Informal Settlements

The African National Congress long-resolved to improve the living conditions of our people . Upgrading informal settlements lies at the centre of this commitment which has been reiterated in our 53rd and 54th national conference resolutions. So far, the Department of Human Settlements has successfully implemented informal settlement upgrade programmes in Mpumalanga, Kwazulu-Natal and Eastern Cape. This work was enabled by the USDG and HSDG allocations from programme four of the department, Housing Development Finance. We welcome the 90% budget allocation towards these grants in the 2018/19 financial year, as this will allow the crucial work of the Freedom Charter "Slums shall be demolished and new suburbs built where all have transport, roads, lighting, playing fields and social centres" to continue. It is encouraging to note that the National Upgrading Support Programme has been allocated R150m in the 2018/19 financial year. This allocation will go a long way in improving capacity and providing technical support to 119 municipalities in the planning and upgrading of informal settlements in the South Africa.

Provision of housing opportunities

We acknowledge that our people do not have full knowledge of these progressive finance initiatives aimed at ensuring that our people have housing opportunities and do not discriminate based on class or economic status and location. We urge the department to extend its reach and ensure awareness programmes are implemented so that our people can take full advantage of the housing opportunities provided by the ANC-led government.

We also urge the department to provide housing opportunities and improve the living conditions of backyard dwellers. These are people who can afford and are willing to pay for affordable rental accommodation which the Department of Human Settlements has done well in implementing. A recent success in this area is the launch of the R300 million Thembelihle Social Housing complex in Tshwane which will house over 2000 people in 733 mixed type accommodation .

Student Accommodation

The ANC-led government is a caring government that does not want its people to be without shelter. That is why the department has also responded to the call to provide student accommodation. The Department of Human Settlements, the Housing Development Agency and the Social Housing Regulatory Authority have funded the upgrade of buildings for student accommodation at Mangosuthu University of Technology and in Braamfontein. This USDG investment will ensure that 4000 students have accommodation in the next three years . We also welcome the collaboration between the Department of Human Settlements and the Department of Higher Education and Training to craft innovative strategies to resolve the issue of student accommodation in our country.

New Grant: Emergency Housing Grant

The ANC welcomes and commends the establishment or introduction of a new grant, the Emergency Housing Grant . This grant, which is an amount of approximately R500 million in the 2018/19 financial year, will assist the Department of Human Settlements to proactively respond to disaster related emergencies and ensure that our people are not left homeless or stranded during incidents such as that of Imizamo Yethu where the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Province have been found wanting when it comes to their response rates in disaster ridden informal settlements.

Opposition matters

We acknowledge with regret that the Western Cape is failing to spend on its USDG since its inception while we are having people at Imizamo Yethu without shelter and sanitation.

Asithandile-a wheelchair-bound resident in Kozovo at Fillipi Township, is not able to reach the toilets because of their poor condition.

Zukiswa-who has been living in the RR section of Khayelitsha since 1999, uses a bucket system during the day and at night inside her dwelling because she fears to go outside and use the external toilets.

This injustice happens under the DA led Western Cape Province that has only spent 25% of their USDG.

Bjale ka gore. DA ke bo mabina go solwa, legona ga ba tswafe gore mola pula e ena ba thega malwala gomme ba sila mo puleng.

Re kgopela kgoro ya mantlo gore ere thuse go rarolla Ngalaba ya taba ye ya Asithandile, le Zukiswa gape le badudi ba Imizamo Yethu.

Rele Mmuso woo o etilwego pele ke ANC, rere ge rere ke dipitsi, mebala ya tsona e bonagala dinangeng tsa lefase kamoka. Dinaga tsa lefase kamoka di tlotla Africa Borwa ka lefapheng la kago ya mantlo. Re ba kwele ge bare bea dipataka, ba bile ba re fa maemo a pele dinageng ka moka tsa lefase ge re be rele conferenseng ga la Quto

We thank all the ANC-led Provinces that have done well in housing provision especially Mpumalanga Province which is at position one.

Re a leboga

Once more, the ANC supports the budget vote.

Budget Vote 38: Human Settlements BY Hon. Wolmarans 10 May 2018

Honourable Chairperson;

Honourable Minister Nomaindiya Mfeketo and other Ministers present;

Honourable Deputy Minister;

Chairperson and Members of the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlement;

Members of Parliament;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Our people have been living in squalor for far too long and the struggle towards achieving the Freedom Charter's aspirations of houses, security and comfort for all still continues . Ensuring that all South Africans live in decent conditions in the form of suitable human settlements is a commitment that the ANC-led government will continue to advance and realise progressively . The work performed by the Department of Human Settlements through its budget allocation assists in transforming the living conditions of our people for the better. This is why the ANC supports the budget for the Department of Human Settlements.

Title Deeds

One of the ways of addressing the historical dispossession of our people and improving their quality of life is through the provision of title deeds. In our 2014 Manifesto we, the ANC, and no other party, committed to eliminate a historical backlog of title deeds and that new home-owners in the subsidy market will be issued with title deeds on occupation .

The objective of the title deeds restoration programme is to promote and foster an increase in household wealth which advances the eradication of poverty and inequality. We are encouraged by the progress made in provinces such as Kwazulu-Natal and Gauteng. Delivering on this objective has not been a simple and easy task and a streamlined approach is required to manage title deeds.

One cannot ignore the evidence where the department is making provisions and showing an effort in ensuring our people's security of tenure and enabling them to participate in the economy through issuing homeowners with their title deeds. The new title deed restoration grant which is allocated R518 million in the 2018/19 financial year is proof that the ANC-led government is committed to the task at hand . In addition, Programme 3, Human Settlements Delivery Support, of the department has been allocated R95.1 million over the medium term to provide technical and administrative support to provinces in order to eradicate the title deeds backlog by the 2020/21 financial year .

We are confident that these conditional grant to provinces will enhance the drive towards issuing title deeds to our beneficiaries, promote equity and entrench ownership.

Mining Towns

The revitalization of mining towns is another area that the African National Congress is focused on as it embarks on improving the quality of life for our people which the apartheid state deliberately configured to be characterised by degrading and inhuman conditions. In the ANC's 53rd and 54th

conference resolutions we committed to improve the living conditions of people living in mining towns through upgrading and transforming these dwellings into integrated communities.

As a result, the Medium Term Strategic Framework outlines a target of 22 mining towns to be supported through human settlement interventions . It is therefore no surprise that the Department of Human Settlements has ring-fenced funding for distressed mining towns and labour sending areas.

We are pleased that 1300 planned sites and 324 units in Matjhabeng Local Municipality, in the Free State Province, form part of the project of revitalizing mining towns in our country .

Military Veterans

Military Veterans have not been forgotten or neglected in the life and work of the Department of Human Settlements. Instead, the department's 2018/19 plans and budget reflect the ANC's 53rd and 54th National Conference Resolutions where we committed to improve the living conditions of our military veterans . We also made a commitment to fast-track and complete the provision of housing to military veterans through appropriate consultation and applicable legislation. The Free State Province is a shining example in this regard as it has earmarked R10million of its 2018/19 budget towards the funding of housing projects for military veterans .

Apart from providing housing opportunities and building sustainable human settlements, the department through its entity, the National Home Builders Regulation Council (NHBRC), will facilitate the training of 450 military veterans in the 2018/19 financial year . The NHBRC which is responsible for regulating the home building industry in South Africa, will equip military veterans together with other designated groups with technical and home construction skills that will enable them to actively participate in the construction and home building sector .

This intervention is in line with the commitment we made to provide and implement structured support and economic opportunities to black-owned companies in the housing and residential property sector, with special attention to those owned by women, youth, military veterans, and people with disabilities.

We want to appeal to provincial departments to align their priorities in line with the priorities set by the national department. Our appeal is informed by the Division of Revenue Act and the Integrated Housing & Human Settlement Development Grant.

The ANC supports the budget.