

**ADDRESS BY HER WORSHIP CLLR TLOTLANANG
MOGOTLANE THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF WATERBERG
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY DURING THE HANDING OVER
OF HOUSE TO THE MALEMA'S FAMILY AT GA-MATHAPO
IN MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AT 10:00**

Programme Director,

Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality Cllr Parks Sebatjane,

Magoshi a rena led by the Chairperson of the Local House of
Traditional Leaders Kgoshigadi Taueatsoala,

The Host, Kgoshi Matlala,

MMCs and Exco Members,

All Councillors present,

Acting Municipal Manager of Mogalakwena Mr, Makondo,

District Municipal Manager, Mr Mabotja,

Representatives from the Department of Correctional Services,

Officials from Sector Departments and Municipalities,

Members of the community,

Media houses present,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen.

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the people of
Waterberg to convey my token of appreciation for your
presence during this important ceremony in the district.

Programme Director, President Jacob Zuma has declared this year as the Year of the Freedom Charter and Unity in Action. Government, led by our glorious movement, the African National Congress (ANC), has called on all sectors of society to come together and work for a better South Africa as we mark the 60th anniversary of the Charter.

Ladies and gentlemen, Waterberg District Council took a decision to identify a disadvantaged family and build a house during the 2015 Nelson Mandela Month.

July is also known as Social Cohesion Month which encourages South Africans to become active citizens that work together to develop a cohesive and caring society.

In consultation with the royal house of kgoshi Matlala, the Malema`s family was identified. Hence we were able to hand over the house to Malema`s family today as part of honouring our icon Tata Nelson Mandela.

The 2015 Nelson Mandela Month is therefore a call to action for the nation to work together for the continuous development of humanity through the attainment of basic freedom in line with this year`s theme which is: ***“Take Action - Inspire Change - Make Every Day a Mandela Day”***.

The message encourages everyone to be active citizens and agents of what they want to see. As a champion of change, Mandela was instrumental in reconciliation and ensuring that Africans come together to defeat all challenges - like apartheid, poverty, unemployment, inequality and wars, among others.

This theme encourages us to take responsibility to change attitudes and to ensure a peaceful co-existence in communities.

Let me quote the late Mandela when he said: **“It seems impossible until it is done”**. The action we took as the Waterberg District Municipality has borne fruits.

By making every day a Nelson Mandela day we encourage South Africans to make every day a Mandela Day, by staying true to his ideals of justice, equality and a non-racial South Africa.

His legacy lives on in our commitment to ensure a just and fair society for all, including the rights to dignity and freedom of expression.

His legacy is a global call to action for people everywhere to take responsibility for changing the world into a better place by giving our time supporting a charity or serving local communities.

Government remains determined to ensure that all South Africans, without exception enjoy all the rights enshrined in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

As we walk the Mandela talk, we honour the memory of our icon by making this the best day by using it to foster social cohesion, nation building, economic development and inclusive citizenship.

Programme Director, there is no other way to honour the late former President than being dedicated to the service of our fellow human beings and by actively helping to change their circumstances.

We must do more to break down the artificial barriers of culture, race or religion that still divide us.

This generation must continue to work towards a society free from racial, social, economic and class barriers.

We must strengthen the common ties that bind us rather than focus on that which divides us. Government will not rest until all South Africans enjoy the fruits of our liberation and our democracy.

Programme Director, together we can ensure greater daily interaction on an equal basis which will build social cohesion and common understanding.

Tata Nelson Mandela`s three rules he lived by are:

1. Free yourself
2. Free others and
3. Serve every day.

Ladies and gentlemen, a home is an important asset to all families because this is your place of shelter, safety and warmth. And will change your lives for the better and your children too. To the Malema`s family we say take care of the house. God has made it possible for us to assist and do the best we can.

Programme Director, I would not do justice if I don`t mention the relationship and partnership that we enjoy with the Department of Correctional Services. The house we handed over to the Malema`s family today was constructed through their assistance. The parolees and students build the house for free.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Commissioner Mthobeni for the support. Let us maintain this partnership for the benefit of our communities.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank business people who embraced our call to assist in building the house.

We also thank the Mogalakwena Municipality for sourcing funding from business to buy the ceiling. Thanks to municipal officials who worked tirelessly in order for us to succeed in building the house.

Special thanks to everybody who contributed positively towards this endeavour.

Together we move South Africa Forward.

I THANK YOU.