



LHDA HANDS OVER REPLACEMENT HOUSES TO NKALAI FAMILIES



~ LHDA hands over keys to Nkhono 'Makhotsang Nkalai ~

The Divisional Manager for Phase II, Mr. Nts'oli Maiketso led the LHDA team at an official handing over of three newly built relocation houses for three affected families of Nkalai, at the handing over ceremony held at Checheng in the Polihali area in Mokhotlong on Tuesday the 27th March 2023.

The three houses were awarded to Nkhono 'Makhotsang Nkalai, Ntate Ts'eliso Nkalai and 'M'e Libuseng Nkalai. The houses for these relatives were located very close to the 16-km long Polihali North East Access Road (PNEAR), from Mapholaneng to Polihali.

Construction of the replacement houses by the LHDA, comes as part of compensation because their houses were already going to be affected by the construction of the road.

Over and above compensation payment for the communities affected by the Project, the LHDA has provided the families with installation of perimeter fence around each new homestead, a VIP toilet, a fire place earth-rammed stove for cooking, climate smart homestead gardens and drip irrigation. This is in line with the livelihood improvement strategy that provides alternative means of livelihood to the affected communities, where they cannot continue with livelihoods because of the impacts of the Project.

An emotional 87-year old 'Makhotsang Nkalai couldn't control her emotions as she was presented by a newly built four roomed house as compensation from the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority.

Nkhono 'Makhotsang seated outside her new house, celebrating becoming a house owner. In attendance were the District Administrator for Mokhotlong, Area Chief of Checheng the Local Councillors, community members, the Divisional Manager Phase II, Managers of Polihali FOB and Public Relations and members of Staff from the LHDA.

The event was an example the LHDA's commitment to delivering on its obligations and safeguarding the communities that have been affected by the Project.



~ An emotional Nkhono 'Makhotsang in front of her house ~