

**WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR COUNCILLOR SK MNUKWA DURING THE MBODLENI 1000 UNITS HANDOVER PROGRAMME IN KWABHACA ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Mphathi Nkgqubo,  
MEC Nonceba Kontsiwe,  
Madam Speaker,  
Traditional Leaders present today,  
Honourable Councillors,  
Government Department Managers and Officials present,  
Members of the Media,  
Strategic Stakeholders and Forums,  
Leaders of Religious Fraternity,  
Fellow Residents of Umzimvubu Municipality,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Ndiyanibulisa ngegama le ntuthukho kunye negama leNkosi yethu uYesu Krestu, Amen.

**Ladies and gentlemen**, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you here today. As we continue to observe Heritage Month, let us allow ourselves to foster social cohesion and a shared national identity. Let us also remain cognisant of our people's needs and wants.

The celebration of Heritage Month has created a conducive environment for all people to embrace and celebrate what was inherited or bequeathed to us by our forebears. This then brings us to the reason why we are gathered here today.

We are here to restore the dignity of our people. Umzimvubu Local Municipality acknowledges and values the vital role that the Department of Human Settlement has played in developing our communities, whilst also empowering our people.

It is also pleasing to note that more than 90 families will be happier by the end of today. Further to this, 470 RDPs have already been handed over to their deserving families during the first phase of this project.

These houses have been built through the rural human settlements development programme that aims to eradicate mud structures by building decent, safe and secure houses for poor households in villages.

Without expanding too much on the contents of this programme, please allow me to welcome you all in the name of basic service delivery.

I thank you...