REMARKS BY THE PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL NOMUSA DUBE-NCUBE DURING THE VISIT TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WITH FLOOD VICTIMS WHO WERE RECENTLY MOVED FROM MASS CARE CENTRES HELD ON 23 DECEMBER 2022

Good Morning! Sanibonani!

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF TODAY’S EVENT

Namuhla akusasele nsuku zatshwala umhlaba wonke ugubhe usuku langomhlaka 25 December nokuwusuku lapho thina esingamaKrestu sikhumbula ukuzalwa kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu emzini waseBethlehema.

Lesi yisikhathi esikhumbula ngaso ukuthi yona uqobo imvana ezelwe yodwa, kwathi ngempilo yaba isibonelo, isikhumbuza ukuthi akekho umuntu omelwe ukuphila ngaphansi kwempilo yobu phofu. Sonke sinamandla okufeza amaphupho ethu emhlabeni inqobo nje uma sibe nenhlanhla yokuthi imbewu yemizamo yethu iwele emhlabathini ovundile.

Namuhla size lapho ukuzokwesula izinyemmbezi nokuthoba amanxeba kinina mindeni ekade kusukela kuApril nihleli ngaphansi kwezimo ezinganambitheki kulezindawo zomphkathi ezehlunekene.

Namuhla sizophana uKhisimusi. UKhisimusi isikhathi sokuhlangana kwemindeni ukubonga ukuphela konyaka kanye nesipho sempilo. Nathi sithi asibonge kanye nani ukuthi uMdali usigcine sonke kwaze kwaba la. Ukuba kwakungekona ukuthanda kwakhe, ngabe nathi asifinyelalanga lapha sikhona. Unyaka ka2022 ube unyaka weminjunju nobuhlungu kithi sonke. Kodwa isiZulu sithi akulahlwa mbeleko ngakufelwa. Sizovuka siszithathe sakhe kabusha izimpilo zethu.

Sithi ke asishiye loko okuncane esikuphathiswe uHulumeni ukuze sonke sikwazi ukujabula futhi nabantwana bakwazi ukuthi bathole oncamnce nezinto zabo ezinye ezibajabulisayo nabazidingayo.

Ngalomzamo wethu sithi kulesikhathi sokuzalwa kweNkosi yethu isibonelo sikaKristu owazalwa emkhombeni wemfuyo naye wakwazi ukugcina enguMholi owangena eJerusalema ngodumo. Okubalulekile ukuthi uKristu weza emhlabeni ukuzolula isandla ukufukula abampofu nokwesula izinyembezi kulabo abaswele.

Ezinyangeni ezingengaki ezedlule egameni likaHulumeni waKwaZulu-Natal senze isiphobezelo sokuthi kuyothi kushaya uKhisimusi sibe sesikwazile ukususa abantu bakithi abahlukunyezwa yizikhukhula abakade behleli emahholo kanye nezinye izindawo zomphakathi.

Namuhla siyaziqhenya ngoba amalunga emindeni engama 1046 ebikade ihlaliswe emahholo omphakathi, namuhla isisusiwe yabekwa ezindaweni ezihloniphekileyo njenga lena yaseAstra Building.

Lapha eAstra Building kuhlala imindeni engama-531, endaweni evuna isithunzi somuntu, nokuyinto wonke umuntu waseSouth Africa okufanele ayithole noma ngabe umpofu, noma ngabe unothile.

UHulumeni weSiFundazwe uthole iAstra Building ekuRussel Street, O’ Flaherty Building eseSydenham kanye nePinetown Student Village nokuyilapho kungene khona abahlali abangu 1046.

Wonke lamalunga omphakathi abekade ehlaliswe okwesikhashana ezindaweni esingamaHholo manje asebekwe kulamaflat ngaphansi kohlelo lwe Transitional Emergency Accommodation (TEA).

Sikhuluma nje, manje sesivale amaMass care centre ase Gospel Church, Chesterville, Mountview Hall, uMlazi K, Emaus, Tshelimnyama, Nazareth. Ngaphansi kwaloluhlelo siphinde satholela abantu izindawo ezingcono. Laba bebehleli eMpola Hall, Rufaro Hall, Isithundu Hill, Marrianridge naseTruro Hall- (PMburg).

Siphinde futhi samemezeIa ukuvalwa laphaya KwaDukuza Municipality kwamaMass Care Centres awu09. Sisebenzise usizo olusheshayo sanikezela ngezibonelelo zomphakathi ezifana nokudla, amanzi, indawo yokuhlala, ukukhucululwa kwendle, izingubo kanye nezingubo zokulala.

Ukuhlangabezana nalesisimo kuzokhumbuleka uHulumeni uye wahlinzeka ngosizo lokungcwaba, izitifiketi zokushona, omazisi, ukuhlolwa kwezidumbu, izinsizakalo zezempilo kanye nokwesekwa kwengqondo. Siphinde senza umsebenzi omkhulu wokubuyisela izidingongqangi ezifana namanzi, ugesi, ukuthuthwa kwendle kanye nokuthuthwa kwemfucuza. Asimile, sisaqhubeka nokwakha kabusha ingqalasizinda ezifana nemigwaqo emikhulu eyaguguleka.

AFFIRMING OUR CONSTUTUTIONAL RIGHTS

Thina singuHulumeni siphinde futhi sibheke uMthethosisikelo osibophezela ukuthi simele sibheke amalungelo awowonke umuntu ngokungakhethi bala, noma isimo sempilo nephakethe lomuntu.

The right to housing is enshrined in section 26 of our Constitution, which states that: 1) Everyone has a right to have access to adequate housing. 2) The state must take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. 3) No one may be evicted from their home or have their home demolished without an order of court made after considering all the relevant circumstances. No legislation may permit arbitrary evictions. The right to adequate housing is an important basic human right which is recognised in the Constitution and international human rights instruments.

It is must be remembered that Human Rights are indivisible and are interdependent. This means that the right to adequate housing cannot be separated from the other rights such as sanitation, water, education, and healthcare.

The right to housing is also linked to broader developments in the economy, labour markets, migration, demographic and other trends, which affect access to housing. Failure to realise these rights and to provide socio-economic goods and amenities in turn compromises the progressive realisation of the right to housing.

The right to adequate housing is important in ensuring that people enjoy physical and mental health and live in a safe place in peace and dignity.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Today’s event is therefore about the rights of all our people to adequate shelter, but also to human rights to which we are all entitled regardless of our race, class, religion or orientation.

So, today we affirm that we are all equal and that we should all enjoy the life that we must continue to make the means for all to enjoy their lives in peace and comfort as it was meant by our God when he breathed life onto us and placed us on this Earth.

Sithatha lelithuba futhi ukubonga izakhamuzi zethu ngokubekezela kwenu nsuku zonke sibanjwa umsebenzi wokuqinisekisa ukuthi iSiFundazwe sethu siyalulama ezinkingeni zakamuva. Sifisa ukuxolisa ukuthi lwezinye izindawo kungase kuthathe isikhathi eside kunalokho ebesikulindele ngoba ukwakhiwa kabusha kwengqalasizinda kwezinye izimo kuthatha izinyanga ukuqeda.

Sizimisele ukusebenza ngokushesha futhi ukuze siqede ukukhungatheka nokukhathazeka ebantwini bakithi.

Siyafisa ukubonga imiphakathi yakithi ngokubekezela, nokuqonda njengoba siqhubeka nokusebenza ngokuzikhandla ukuze isiFundazwe sethu siphinde sivuke sikwazi futhi ukuzimela.

We wish you and yours a well-deserved rest. We look forward to a better, and prosperous 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ends.