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MEDIA STATEMENT

**MINISTER DIDIZA WELCOMES THE FINAL RETURN OF THE 108 DISTRICT 6 PHASE 3
BENEFICIARIES IN CAPE TOWN WESTERN CAPE**

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The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms. Thoko Didiza is pleased that finally, 20 of the 108 District 6 Phase 3 beneficiaries have received their keys to finally return to their ancestry land.

The final return of the District 6 Phase 3 beneficiaries will be done in phases starting from today to observe COVID-19 protocols.

On Monday the 9th and 16th of May 2022, 42 beneficiaries will receive their keys, while the other 46 will receive their keys on the 20th of May 2022.

“I am grateful to all stakeholders who made this historic day in the lives of these beneficiaries possible. This is a clear indication by all three spheres of government our commitment to restore the dignity of the people of District 6” said Minister Didiza

The department in March this year, received the letters of occupancy from the City and then deliberations took place regarding the manner and plan in which the return of the beneficiaries will be managed.

To date, 96 dwellings have been allocated whilst the remaining 12 have some family disputes and verification challenges that are being attended to by the department.

“I am also pleased that deliberations aimed at creating a safe environment for the returnees and facilitating social integration is ongoing” said the Minister.

“We would to apologise to all the beneficiaries for the delays as they were unavoidable and meant to ensure that we tick all the boxes before the final return following the lessons learnt from the previous phases” concluded the Minister.

It should be noted that in May 2021 the City of Cape Town took a final order before Judge Cloete in the Western Cape High Court, interdicting and restraining any person who intend to unlawfully occupy any part of District Six. The relief granted to the City is far reaching in that it interdicts any new unlawful occupations from taking place on any part of the full extent of District Six.



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