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Quake damaged houses to be repaired

The people whose houses were destroyed by seismic movement last August in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda municipality will finally pick up the pieces and rebuild their lives.

The provincial government has promised to fix houses damaged by the 5.5 magnitude earthquake which hit the area and left many out in the cold. The quake occurred in Stilfontein Orkney and Klersdorp and was felt as far as Gauteng, KZN, Eastern Cape and neighbouring Botswana and Mozambique.

The announcement by government to repair houses must be sweet music in the ears of people whose houses were ravaged to the ground. They owners must breathe a huge sigh of relief after waiting for almost eight months for assistance from the provincial government.

The MEC for finance, Economy and Enterprise Development today told the Legislature that an amount of R38.5 million has been set aside for the repair of houses affected by the earthquake that left a trail of destruction in its wake. Nelson said government will never forget its people and Premier Mahumapelo had said it is government responsibility to assist those affected.

According to the assessment done by government, about 400 houses were destroyed by the quake.

The department of local government and housing received a further allocation of R97 million in 2015/16 and R51 million in 2016/17 million for the Disaster Recovery Programme for Orkney as a result of the tremor that happened in August 2014.

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