

A Review of the Housing Policy in Limpopo Province, South Africa

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ABSTRACT Limpopo Province is currently experiencing an acute housing shortage that is exacerbated by the unequal distribution of income in the country and the widening gap between the rich and the poor. Limpopo is also the province with the second highest unemployment rate in South Africa. This article analyzes the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs' (CoGHSTA) implementation of central government's housing policy in all five municipal districts in Limpopo Province and offers recommendations to address housing challenges. It identifies the major problems that hinder the provision of adequate housing, including a shortage of suitable government-owned land for housing and an unreliable Provincial Government database on contractors and suppliers of building material. The negative impact of corruption on the province housing need is also examined. The research study was mainly theoretical, with limited application of empirical research methods. It is recommended that zero tolerance towards any form of corruption should be applied in CoGHSTA's dealings with contractors in the province.