

# South African Government - Department of Human Settlements

## Housing

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The [Department of Human Settlements](#) determines, finances, promotes, communicates and monitors the implementation of housing and sanitation programmes in South Africa.

Government has set itself the target of making a positive impact on the quality of life of 500 000 households by 2014, by upgrading informal settlements. The upgrade will provide households with security of tenure and access to essential services in sites that are close to economic and other social amenities.

To meet its objective of sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life, the Department of Human Settlements has identified the following areas of priority:

- accelerated delivery of housing opportunities
- access to basic services
- more efficient land use
- an improved property market.

Between 1994 and June 2011, government built over three million homes for South Africans, giving shelter to over 13 million people.

Read more: <http://www.dhs.gov.za/>

Also: <http://www.info.gov.za/aboutsa/housing.htm>