

Challenges of Providing Affordable Human Settlement in a Selected Township in the Western Cape, South Africa

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ABSTRACT The Government of National Unity (GNU) in South Africa has been enormously challenged with the provision of affordable human settlements since its inception. Basically, various policies have been developed to address the housing problems that would improve the living conditions of all South Africans. The purpose of this study, therefore, is aimed at addressing the challenges facing the implementation of the Breaking New Ground (BNG) 2004 housing policy which is aimed at providing affordable human settlements in South Africa. The study adopted a mixed methodology to capture the primary and secondary data. The challenges in the N2 Gateway housing project included improper planning and unavailable land, structural problems inherited from the apartheid regime, poor quality of houses built, limited community participation and improper supply chain management and mismanagement. The findings of this study contribute towards a workable approach to the improvement of policy implementation in South African Housing sector.