

Exploring the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) Residents' Perceptions of Housing Allocation Malpractices in Golf Course, Alice Town, Eastern Cape, South Africa

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ABSTRACT The present paper attempts to explore residents' perceptions of malpractices such as corruption, nepotism and favoritism and maladministration in the allocation of public housing, in an estate meant for people of low-socio-economic standing in the province of the Eastern Cape, South Africa. The study used both qualitative and quantitative approaches and used a case study and a mini survey designs respectively, with the qualitative approach being the dominant approach while the quantitative was less dominant. The qualitative sample included 22 beneficiaries of RDP houses; one social worker; one RDP housing administrator (who were purposively selected by the principle researcher) and 50 respondents for the mini survey. Findings indicate that most participants were not happy as they felt that allocation of houses was fraught with various aspects of malpractices such as bribery to facilitate fast allocation, nepotism and favoritism and allocating those who least deserved the allocation. The researchers, therefore, recommend to the government to seriously investigate the administration of the housing programme to get rid of its prevalent corruption practices.