

**Validating the Psycho-social Challenges Associated
with the Current RDP Houses:
The Case of Golf Course 2011-2013 Study, Eastern Cape**

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ABSTRACT This paper sought to validate the psycho-social challenges experienced by residents of Golf Course RDP housing project in Alice township. This study triangulated both qualitative and quantitative approaches with the qualitative approach being the dominant one, while the quantitative was less dominant. The study utilized an interview guide with unstructured questions as a data collection tool for one-on-one in-depth interviews, while a likert scale designed questionnaire was utilized for the questionnaire interviews. Findings from this study indicated the poor state of houses epitomized by cracking floors, walls emitting dust, weaker doors and windows, falling roofs; unreliability of water and other important social amenities. These researchers recommended to the government to consider renovating and escalating the provision of water to the houses to give them a dignified phase for human living. It is also essential for the social work role to be expanded in order to offer therapeutic interventions to the psychologically drained RDP dwellers.