establish a spaza shop and built the backyard rooms, which now house two tenants.

The study raises some important questions: With so much investment by subsidy beneficiaries themselves, how much state investment is enough – and is it possible that the current investment by the state is too much? Might the housing standard we seek not be a function of time, rather than something that needs to be predetermined by policy? And how can policy support enhanced investment by individuals themselves, saving the investment by the state to spread its limited resources across a wider beneficiary population?

“An RDP house is a starter house, made for people who don’t work, but now have the opportunity to improve their lives.”
“An RDP house gives you the opportunity to use your mind and brains to make decisions for you and your family.”
“It is a shelter that gives you space to think and freedom to plan the future.”
“It is a start. It is one small thing, but this thing I like very much.”

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