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## *Unty can conquer gender-based violence and femicide*

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**G**overnment Communication and Information System partnered with the South African Police Service (SAPS), Non-Profit Organisations, Department of Social Development and National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) to deliver a dialogue on gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF). The activities formed part of

the national launch activities of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children. The dialogue took place on the 25 November 2025 in Jouberton. The dialogue was led by an awareness march where the community was supported by the local taxi association. Various government departments engaged the community members

on GBVF and the community also had the opportunity to engage. Pamphlets on GBVF were shared with the community.

The keynote address was done by Colonel Selepe of Jouberton Police Station said that GBVF can only be won if we don't keep quiet when we see incidents. "We are contributing to the perpetrators wrongful behaviour by



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The attendants of the dialogue listening attentively to the speakers.



The opening of the GBVF dialogue by the pastor.

not reporting the various incidents that happen in our presence. I know that you might be afraid of being victimised for reporting such occurrences, but crime fighting needs all of us," said Selepe. Ms Palesa Mpatane of NPA highlighted their role as the Thuthuzela Care Centre on matters related to GBVF. She encouraged the community to support one another and to report GBVF related cases and all other crimes. "Our doors are open at the Thuthu-

zela Care Centre, we give support to the GBVF victims, and our partners are also there to ensure the journey to justice is fully achieved", said Mpatane.

The community members appreciated the information shared, some indicated that they were empowered. They said they would appreciate more of these engagements in their community.



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## Gender-based violence and femicide awareness

By Fatima Modise: GCIS, Northwest

**O**n 27 November 2025, Government Communication and Information System together with Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Community Development Workers Programme, held a series of awareness campaigns around Stella, a small town situated 50km outside Vryburg in Naledi Local Municipality. Among the attendees were community patrollers from Naledi Local Municipality accompanied by some of the management staff and the second campaign was done with Kgalelelo Service Club at Rekgarathile Township.

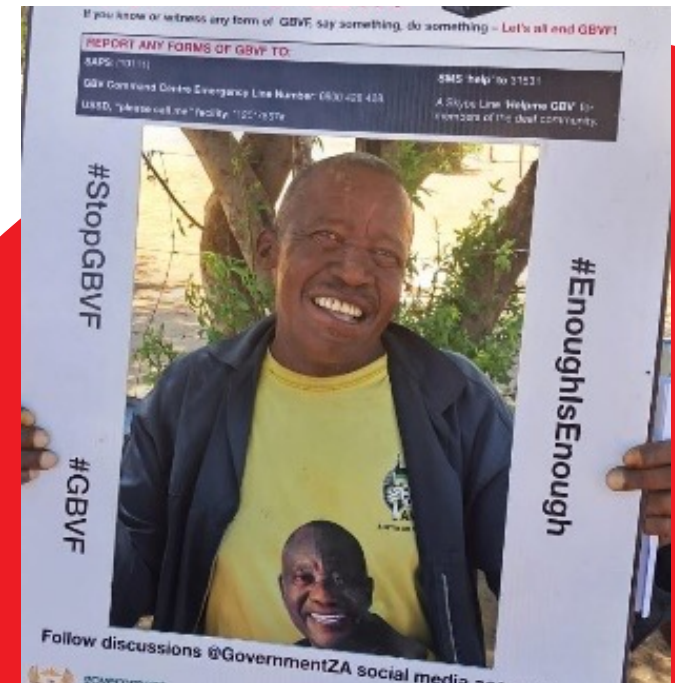
The campaign was on Gender-Based Violence & Femicide (GBVF) and No Pens Down and a GCIS leave behind booklet was distributed with the contact numbers for Thuthuzela Care Centre including SAPS where communities are able to report GBV&F.

The campaigns were aiming at raising awareness of the devastating impact that GBVF has on women and children, and the social fabric of our society. We were also trying to highlight the societal causes of GBVF and mobilize action at local level to eliminate all forms of gendered violence.

The Community Patrollers are very important in fighting GBVF as they walk around the area combating all sorts of crimes and they have made a huge difference so far.



Ms Fatima Modise from GCIS informing the community about the effect of GBVF



Mr Itemogeng Maimane

*"We were once young and joyful, but we used to ask our parents to just sit under the tree at the back of our house with a few friends and had only soft drinks, in most cases this gendered violence is caused by substance abuse".*

# The fight against gender-based violence and femicide march

By Lilly Mohlosana, GCIS: Northwest Province

On 25 November 2025, Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) partnered with Tlhabane Police Station and Community Policing Forum (CPF), the Department of Social Development, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and KIKENG Community Development Organisation took part in a gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) march to raise awareness on GBVF and to take a stand against any form of violence.

The annual 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign is celebrated under theme: "Letsema: Men, Women,

Boys and Girls working together to end Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF)".

The CPF encouraged the men of Tlhabane to stop, think and walk away if they find themselves in a position where they are about to lose their temper. They encouraged men to also come and report cases of abuse as men's voices also count.

Ms Masego Kwadi from KIKENG community development who works in the victim room support said that she believes that we have a responsibility to end GBVF.



CPF and KIKENG community development organisation during the GBVF march.



Ms Mohlosana from GCIS and members of the community in blue during the GBVF march.



Members of the community at Tlhabane police station.





*Ms Rachel Tage*

*“Even if we are partners my no is a no rape is not cool”.*

*Ms Mapho Moeti*

*“I am GBVF survivor and I stand with all the women who are scared of reporting”*

