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MARCH FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE TEMBISA STAKEHOLDERS FORUM (TSF)

Gender Based Violence affects us all directly or indirectly, the GBV statistics for this financial year 'The South African Police Service (2020) reported 53,293 sexual offenses between April 2019 and March 2020, an average of 146 per day and a 2% increase from the previous year. A majority (42,289) were rape cases. The number of actual cases is almost certainly higher, as sexual violence often goes unreported (Global Risk Insights, 2021; Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, 2017)' – Afrobarometer, December 07, 2021.

Mpho Foundation has initiated a program that deals with Gender Based Violence by providing the victims and survivors with opportunities for recovery, counselling, and the victims suffering from economic abuse (financially excluded) are enrolled with reputable training providers to get accredited certificates to reskill, upskill and re-invent themselves through access to job opportunities or job creation.

Mpho Foundation resolved to join organised structures that exist for NPOs working together with collaborated efforts to bring social change in the community. Mpho Foundation accepted to be part of the Tembisa Stakeholders Forum (TSF), which is a combination of Churches, NPOs and CBOs.

Joining this forum has improved the governance structures of the foundation, more especially case management to ensure confidentiality is always maintained, record keeping, and assignment of the correct social worker for unique cases.

The gender based violence march with the Tembisa Stakeholders Forum comes at the time where the foundation experience challenges with their programs dropped-out by the foundation beneficiaries due to GBV experiences they encounter.

The Mpho Foundation will be part of the March schedule on the **June 25, 2022 at Rebonwe Recreational Park (Ivory Park Extension 07), nature of event being: GBV Awareness Campaign and Motorcade, from 09:00am – 16:00pm.** Communities are encouraged to join the awareness campaign, contact Khosi at **078 497 8392.**

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