

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality Workshop: Gender Based Violence



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Rustenburg – The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, in partnership with the Progressive Women’s Movement South Africa (PWMSA) hosted a workshop focusing on gender-based violence on Sunday, 4 September at the Old Town Hall in Rustenburg.

The workshop – which was attended by the MMC for Special Projects Cllr. V. Tlhapi and the head of PWMSA in the North West Ms. Bosa Ledwaba – also drew a number of women from all the five municipalities in the Bojanala District. Outlining the purpose of the workshop, Cllr. Tlhapi encouraged the women to pay close attention to the proceedings so that they would be able to derive benefit from taking part in the workshop. “Thank you for coming here and taking part in this session. You will all benefit from the decision that you have taken today,” said Cllr. Tlhapi. Delivering the keynote address, Ms. Ledwaba pointed out that gender based violence affected everyone and people should therefore be very open when discussing the subject. “We should

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not be secretive about gender-based violence. It involves everyone and is therefore everyone’s issue. Do not be part of the problem – be part of the solution.” Ledwaba also added, “The statistics in South Africa concerning child abuse are higher than any other country and this should be a cause for concern, especially for parents. Verbal abuse is the most common of all the forms of child abuse and we should speak out in order to break the silence.”

According to PWMSA statistics, one in four women is living in an abusive relationship while one woman is killed every six days by her intimate male partner in South Africa. The statistics also revealed that women are more likely to be attacked by someone they know rather than by a stranger. During the event, participants were then given a chance to be part of the workshop through a question & answer session before the curtain came down on the workshop.



Cllr. Louis Diremelo, Mayor of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality



MS. Bosa Ledwaba of Progressive Women's Movement South Africa (PWMSA)



Cllr. V. Tlhapi MMC for Special Projects

VISION

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, a model of cooperative governance, for effective and efficient service delivery in partnership with local municipalities and all stakeholders

MISSION

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, through shared services will coordinate, facilitate, and support local municipalities by equitable sharing of resources and maximising community benefit of natural resources in a safe and healthy environment



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