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## Operation Smile visits Klerksdorp

**Klerksdorp** – Founded in 2006, Operation Smile South Africa (OSSA) joined Operation Smile, Inc. as its 25th partner country. Based in Cape Town, OSSA medical volunteers provide free surgeries to children and adults throughout Southern and Central Africa, as well as educational and training opportunities that promote sustainability and self-sufficiency throughout the region.

OSSA is part of a global non-profit medical services organization that has, over the past 29 years, provided care to over 150 000 children and adults worldwide, and currently has a presence in over 60 countries.

Recently, Operation Smile visited Klerksdorp Hospital, November 25, and created true smiles this Festive Season!

# Operation Smile

South Africa



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## SKRYFSKOOL



**Potchefstroom** – Die jaarlikse Herfsskool vir skrywers word vanjaar weer deur die ATKV Skryfskool van die Noordwes Universiteit aangebied en bekendes uit die skryfwêreld sal as aanbieders optree.

**DATUM:** 19 Maart 2012 - 23 Maart 2012

**PLEK:** Potchefstroom

**KURSUSSE:** Hoe skryf ek 'n rubriek, prosa, poësie, lirieke?

**KOSTE:** R3 000 per persoon

Die sluitingsdatum vir inskrywings is 2 Maart 2012. Vir enige navrae, kontak Kobie gerus by 018 299 1783 of stuur 'n e-pos aan [kobie.vanaswegen@nwu.ac.za](mailto:kobie.vanaswegen@nwu.ac.za).

## Nationwide WAR against Women & Child Abuse

Public Protector Adv Thuli Madonsela has called upon the people of this country to come together and act against women and children abuse (November 25).

Speaking at the annual commemoration of 16 Days of Activism against gender-related violence in George, on Friday, the Public Protector said the problem was international and needed a collaborative solution.

This year's campaign is celebrated under

the theme: "From peace in the home, to peace in the world: Proliferation of small arms and their role in domestic violence." The Public Protector referred to gender based violence as a challenge that needs all South Africans to play their part in efforts to eradicate this scourge. She also highlighted that maladministration and corruption which result in people not getting services and employment opportunities they ought to get from the state also contribute to abuse in many households.

Speaking at the same event, acting

chairperson of the Commission on Gender Equality Mfanozelwe Shoji echoed the Public Protector's sentiments and called upon members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) to treat gender-related cases with the sensitivity they deserve.

The event marked the beginning of the internationally commemorated campaign which runs until 10 December; however, the Public Protector and the Gender Commission urged the people to take children and women's abuse as a whole campaign not as a once off activity.

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