

Bojanala marks 16 Days of Activism Against Domestic Violence



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16 Days of Activism against Women & Children

Mfidikwe/ Rustenburg – To mark and in honour of the 16 Days of Activism against Women and Children commemoration, the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality hosted an event on Friday, 25 November 2011. Taking place at the Rustenburg Taxi Rank, participants distributed pamphlets related to domestic violence to bystanders, commuters and everyone else in and around the rank. This gave them the opportunity to explain the information given as to issues associated with domestic violence and what to do if this was prevalent. This pamphlet distribution and the supplying of information also took place at the Photsaneng Taxi Rank as well as the Mfidikwe Primary School – where the main proceedings of the event took place.

This event was graced by the MMC for Community Development Services of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, Cllr N Lebotse and other invited guests from the District Aids Council, National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Social Development as well as the Community Policing Forum. This included representatives from SAPS, Phokeng Trauma Services, Phuza Wize and the Department of Correctional Services.

One of the main goals of this awareness project, is for the community to make informed choices, by supplying them with the relevant information. It also aims for communities to understand the effect of domestic violence within their families, and ways to deal with this issue – practically. "We are saying NO TO VIOLENCE against women and children and people living with disabilities," reiterated MMC Lebotse in her keynote address. "There is too much silence when we are talking about violence against women. We are saying NO; it is enough! Furthermore, if you are a ward councillor – it is your responsibility to help and give assistance. I also thank those who go the

extra mile in helping these women in dire need." She also added, "This is an informative day. We should all enjoy our Christmas holidays without violence. Let us not fight at home during this festive period." During a sermon, Chaplain Mokorwane of the SAPS Rustenburg encouraged the victims of domestic violence not to remain silent through their sufferings. "In the Bible we learn that sexual abuse even took place in the royal household. This shows that such violence exists in every sphere of life and can therefore not be ignored. I would like to encourage all victims of domestic violence to come to us and report the matter so that appropriate action can be taken," Chaplain Mokorwane said. The information supplied during the event included the various forms of violence and the steps that the public can take to make sure that the people responsible for such crimes will be brought to book.

Protection Order

If you are being abused, you can apply for a Protection Order. A Protection Order can tell the abuser to stop abusing you, and not to tell others to abuse you either. This will include that the abuser are not allowed to enter your family home or your workplace.

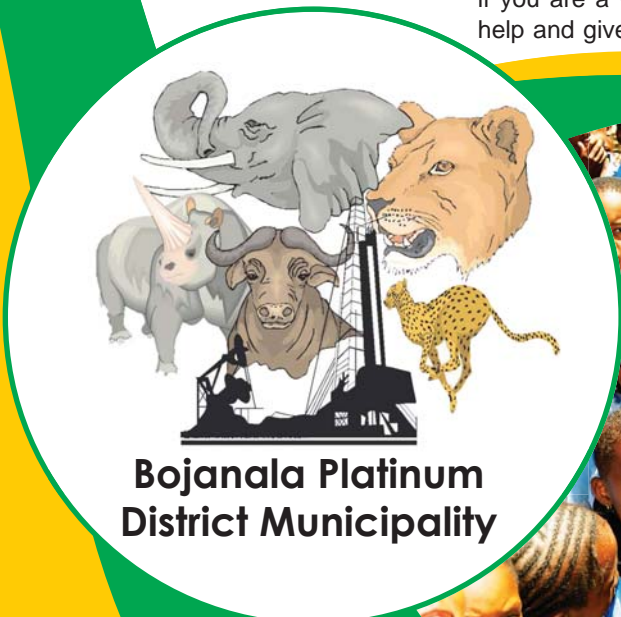
Who can you phone?

For more information or help with a problem of domestic violence you can:

- Talk to a health worker at your clinic;
- Talk to a counsellor from your local welfare office;
- Phone the national toll-free 'Stop Women Abuse' hotline on 0800 150 150

Call the Cops:

- SAPS Emergency Number: **10111**
- SAPS Crime Stop Number: **08600 10111**



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