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Taking GBV Messages to Mpumalanga Traditional Leaders

CGE Mpumalanga office has held engagements with traditional councils in the province as it implements the memorandum of understanding signed with the House of Traditional Leaders

As the war on gender-based violence escalates, traditional leaders have become an important stakeholder in fighting the scourge of violence. For this reason, the Commission for Gender Equality office in Mpumalanga has embarked on an initiative to empower traditional headmen and women to equip them knowledge on how to handle gender-based matters.

Traditional leaders in rural areas regularly attend to conflicts involving men and women, many of which include domestic violence. "Traditional leaders are directly sitting in offices dealing with GBV cases, customary marriages and many more" said Mpumalanga Provincial Manager Molta Mavuso. In 2014, the Commission for Gender Equality signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the House of Traditional Leaders.

In August 2021, the Mpumalanga CGE office reviewed the MOU with the Executive of the House and agreed to develop an annual Plan to be implemented to empower Local Tribal Councils. "The Plan includes empowerment of headmen and women on gender transformation, policies, legislation, promotion of customs, and indigenous law" Mavuso said.

Mavuso said the programme will benefit communities because Mpumalanga is dominated by rural areas under the leadership of Chiefs and Kings. Key areas of the cooperation between the Mpumalanga CGE office and house of traditional leaders include joint projects, and joint outreach programmes for promotion of Section 30 of Act of 1996.
The CGE Mpumalanga office paid engagement visits to the Mpakeni Tribal Council and Msogwaba Tribal Council.

CGE Tackles Roots of Human Trafficking

The Gauteng office held a live engagement with stakeholders today to share knowledge and information on human trafficking and its impact on South Africa. The webinar, attended by stakeholders, addressed issues such as services required to assist victims of human trafficking, coordinated crimes, policing systems and preventative measures.

Ms. Rehta Mesh from the National Freedom Network, said a growing number of women and girl children have become victims to human trafficking due to socio-economic conditions, "Human trafficking is the second largest criminal syndicate after drug trafficking. Transportation of human is quite rife and happens through forced labour, slavery and sexual exploitation" she said.

In her opening remarks to the webinar, Gauteng Provincial Manager Khutso Monyepao said human trafficking is a social problem that needs a collective inter-sectoral response, "In line with the CGE mandate, the webinar outlined how human trafficking practices exacerbate gender-based violence and other forms of structural inequalities"

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