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CGE To Observe Local Government Elections on Nov 1

The Independent Electoral Commission approved the CGE's application to be part of the upcoming 2021 municipal election observers. A total of 50 CGE officials have been granted accreditation to observe proceedings at various polling stations on November 1, using an election observation tool designed for the standardised voting processes conducted on election day when South Africans will be casting their votes for local government leaders. "The CGE will be observing the local government elections as an observer, to ensure that the Electoral Commission of South Africa has put

all the mechanisms in place to ensure that the rights of South Africans, particularly the rights to gender equality, are respected and protected at the polling stations," said CGE Head of Research, Dr. Thabo Rapoo. "Observers, both domestic and international, play a crucial role in ensuring that the elections are transparent, free and fair, and that the outcome is accepted by voters, political parties and candidates" the IEC said. The PEI and Research Units will announce a date for the observer mission briefing session for CGE officials and Commissioners.

How rife is gender-based violence in the Limpopo Province and what other challenges have you observed in the province?

There is high prevalence of GBV. We have seen this through crime statistics provided by provincial SAPS on the increase of sexual violence in Seshego, Thohoyandou and Mankweng areas. These areas are considered GBV/rape hotspots in the province and nationally.

How did the lockdown affect your outreach plans and how did you cope?

Covid-19 has negatively impacted on the delivery of outreach and advocacy programs. Limpopo is largely a rural province and there is a huge digital connectivity challenge which makes it difficult to reach stakeholders. This has forced us to work more with community radio stations to reach communities.

Do you have many people lodging complaints with the office?

Cases are reported but more work needs to be done to foster understanding of gender discrimination and transform perceptions on gender inequality in the province. We need more advocacy to transform culture and traditions as they contribute to gender inequality and gender discrimination.

What initiatives/programmes are you working on with stakeholders?

We are working with OSW on developing a provincial gender and women empowerment strategy that will align with the MTSF and the Limpopo growth and development strategy. The office is also working with the provincial government on localising the NSP-GBVF in the province, in partnership with UNFPA. We are working with DeafSA to empower persons with disabilities on human rights and gender equality.

Q&A with Tshepang Mokgokong Limpopo Provincial Manager



Is there any LGBTI programmes you are working on?

We are part of the provincial task team on LGBTIQ+ convened by Department of Justice and Constitutional Development with civil society organizations. We are also part of the response team with Capricorn Ignite organization that deals with hate crimes in the province.

LGBTQI+ Equality Talk on Twitter Spaces Tonight

Reflecting on LGBTI+ Equality 27 years into our democracy - A CGE dialogue.

HOST
Busisiwe Deyi

Commissioner, CGE and sit on the Legal and Complaints Committee.



SPEAKER
Jabu Pereira

Founder and Executive Director of Iranti, Trans Chairperson, the ILGA Board and is a board member with the International Trans Fund.

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SPEAKER
Nthabiseng Mokoena

Member of the Intersex South Africa, Regional Support Manager at The Engine Room

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CGE on Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign in the Eastern Cape



Commission for Gender Equality's Eastern Cape office conducted a human trafficking campaign in Queenstown to raise awareness on the escalating national crime that involves the abduction of people by members of organised crime. CGE joined hands with the Trafficking in Person's Forum (TIP), Department of Justice, NPA, Social Development, SAPS, Home Affairs and civil society organisations.

The campaign included public roadblocks and a series of workshops with traditional leaders. The activities culminated in the launch of a book written by Zintle Fezi, a woman who was a human trafficking victim. Zintle was trafficked under false pretence of having received a scholarship to study abroad. Her traffickers had targeted her at a school debate. The events took place during human trafficking awareness week.

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