



## CGE Gauteng On Outreach Visit to Temba Police Station



Commissioners from the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) paid a visit to the Temba police station in Hammanskraal during an oversight outreach programme held last Friday. The station recorded the highest number of rape complaints in the country as revealed by Police Minister Bheki Cele in the 3rd quarterly crime statistics late last year. Temba police station caters for communities in parts of the North-West and Gauteng provinces in the far north of Tshwane. The CGE Gauteng office said the purpose of the visit was to reach out to key stakeholders in the Hammanskraal area as part of the access to justice outreach programme that the office is running.

Commissioners Ohara Ngoma-Diseko, Sediko Rakolote and Nomasonto Mazibuko have visited many other police stations in Gauteng over the past year to monitor the police's capacity and readiness to respond gender-based violence cases.

Stakeholders who took part in the engagements included the South Africa National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the Amandebele ka Lebelo Traditional House, and the Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA).

Commissioner Ngoma-Diseko emphasised the need for a shift in mindset, highlighting the patriarchal mentality that gives rise to entitlement by some men over women's bodies, "It is a toxic behaviour that perpetuates gender-based violence in our communities" Ngoma-Diseko said. Commissioner Mazibuko addressed the need for partnerships. "It is importance that traditional authorities partner with COGTA for the greater good of the community" she said. A total of 9,556 rape cases were opened at the Temba police station between July and September in 2021.

## Commemorating International Women's Day with SANDF Women's Forum

Commissioner Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla attended the South African Defence Force (SANDF) Women's Forum celebrations of International Women's Day, on 8 March, at the Mpumalanga SANDF Army Base. Commissioner Ntuli-Tloubatla was one of the speakers who addressed the women in gathering, sharing the constitutional mandate of the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) as well as other work such as the Police Station and Thuthuzela Care Centres oversight visits and court monitoring. She sturdily

spoke to the issues of gender transformation, gender mainstreaming, gender responsive budgeting and gender discrimination. "The implementation and consideration of the Employment Equity Act, Skills Development Act, the Constitution and the Gender Strategic Framework is of great importance as they all contribute to achieving gender transformation within the workplace, and it is imperative to understand the CGE Act and that the institution is available to assist in issues of this nature," said Commissioner Ntuli-Tloubatla.



Commissioner Ntuli-Tloubatla (third from right) attended the SANDF forum's international women's day commemoration.

## Engaging Free State local government in fight against GBVF



Following the rise of Mangaung as a gender-based hotspot in the Free State province, the office of the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) in the province has embarked on initiatives to partner with stakeholders in the GBV fight. This week the office hosted a stakeholder engagement in Bloemspuit to look at the impact of poor service delivery on responses to Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).

CGE Education Officer, Boitumelo Zwane, said since local government is closer to communities where GBV incidents occur, it is critical to engage municipalities in addressing the scourge at this level. "Local government should not only address contributing factors such as patriarchy, substance

abuse, unemployment etc, but they also need to address the issue of poor service delivery, which hinders victims from accessing GBVF related services," she said. CGE Provincial Manager, Samantha Britz said the Commission has conducted hearings with the Mangaung Metro.

"The Mangaung Metro Municipality was selected to participate in the transformation hearings which are conducted by our legal department, in the 2013/2014 financial year. During the investigative process, it was observed that women and people with disabilities were found to be underrepresented at all levels and that the institution had no mechanisms in place to track the upward movement of same to senior management or top management positions," Britz said.