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## CGE Joins War Against GBV in KZN



CGE Acting Chairperson Nomasonto Mazibuko (second row on the right) attended a prayer service against domestic violence organised by a women's organisation in KwaZulu Natal

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) joined hands with the Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and People with Disabilities on an oversight visit in Kwa-Zulu Natal province to assess government's intervention in the gender-based violence hotspots.

The visiting delegations went to Mafemfetheni in oKhahlamba, where CGE Acting Chairperson Nomasonto Mazibuko joined a prayer gathering against gender-based violence and femicide in the province. Organisers of the prayer said they invited leaders from multi-faith organisations to come together and pray against substance abuse, domestic violence, and sexual abuses. "South Africa has notoriously high

levels of violence against women and the Province of KwaZulu Natal is leading from the front. An alarmingly high number of GBV cases have been recorded in the uThukela District alone" said the province's MEC for Social Development, Mrs N.M Khoza. The CGE regularly engages different municipalities in the province to assess their response to gender-related problems in communities. In addition, the CGE also pays regular oversight visits to police stations and GBV shelters as part of its monitoring programme of state services to the public.

During this gathering, the CEO Phelisa Nkomo, Provincial Manager and Education Officer, Zanele Ncwane and Thamsanqa Mncube were attending a war room in Loskop, Ward 2.

**HYBRID EVENT**

**HOST**  
Nomasonto Mazibuko  
CGE Acting Chairperson

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**  
Gender, Public Health, and Teenage Pregnancy - lessons post COVID-19 pandemic.

**GUEST**  
Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi  
International President, Women's Medical Association

**FACILITATOR**  
Phelisa Nkomo  
CGE CEO

**03 FEB** FROM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Virtual Link  
[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MDRYmJmJktOTc20500Ytg5LTg2NzQtNWewOGQ3MzQxMjU3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224edd5bc3-c02b-4283-a17c-8108b17ff2fa%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ca1ccb99-0a48-8108b17ff2fa%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22ca1ccb99-0a48-4e11-9ca4-a8d88e8406dd%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDRYmJmJktOTc20500Ytg5LTg2NzQtNWewOGQ3MzQxMjU3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224edd5bc3-c02b-4283-a17c-8108b17ff2fa%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ca1ccb99-0a48-8108b17ff2fa%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22ca1ccb99-0a48-4e11-9ca4-a8d88e8406dd%22%7d)



Commissioner Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla visited two Thuthuzela Care Centres and a police station to assess GBV facilities.

### Join CGE's roundtable discussion on gender, public health and teenage pregnancy.

The Acting Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality, (CGE) Ms. Nomasonto Mazibuko will be hosting Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi, International President Women's Medical Association who is in South Africa to attend African Union Technical health committee. The engagement will be held under the theme: "Gender and Public Health - lessons

post COVID pandemic and Teenage Pregnancy issues". CGE values the critical role played by stakeholders in the broader public health sector debate and acknowledges the important role they play in the gender equality community. Organisations or persons who are interested in listening to the discussion can join using the following Microsoft Teams link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MDRYmJmJktOTc20500Ytg5LTg2NzQtNWewOGQ3MzQxMjU3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224edd5bc3-c02b-4283-a17c-8108b17ff2fa%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ca1ccb99-0a48-4e11-9ca4-a8d88e8406dd%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDRYmJmJktOTc20500Ytg5LTg2NzQtNWewOGQ3MzQxMjU3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224edd5bc3-c02b-4283-a17c-8108b17ff2fa%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ca1ccb99-0a48-4e11-9ca4-a8d88e8406dd%22%7d)

### A Monitoring Programme To Ensure Protection of Rape Victims in Mpumalanga

Following several concerns that were raised by members of the public regarding inadequate service at some Mpumalanga police stations, CGE's Commissioner Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla and Provincial Manager Moltah Mavuso conducted an oversight visit to a Thuthuzela Care Centre situated at Themba hospital in Kabokweni. The Commissioner also visited the police station in Pienaarsrivier, to assess the state of facilities used to care for victims of rape when they open cases against their perpetrators.

"The station caters for a community of 128,000 people and the commander said they do not have enough personnel for that responsibility" Ntuli-Tloubatla said. In a meeting with CGE, the police station's management raised concerns about a high number of GBV victims who open cases only to withdraw them shortly afterwards. This leads to perpetrators being left off the hook. The CGE's monitoring visits concluded at a Thuthuzela Care Centre inside Tonga hospital on 31 January.