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CGE To Monitor Equal Access To Education In School Oversight Campaign



CGE Commissioner Ohara Ngoma-Diseko visited the Matla Combined School in Kromdraai, Krugersdorp as part of the Back To School monitoring campaign.

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) has started rolling out an oversight campaign to assess learning conditions at schools. The Commission will pay visits to a sample of eight schools and four early childhood development centres in Mpumalanga, Free State, Gauteng and Western Cape provinces from in a period from February to March. The monitoring campaign will put special focus on learner feeding programmes, learner populations in classrooms, availability and quality of learning/teaching resources, conditions of ablution

facilities, management of menstrual health and pregnancies and promotion of dignity and provisions for learners with disabilities. The CGE will upon finalisation of this project, hold a media launch to share its findings and recommendations with key stakeholders and interested parties in the education sector.

Chief Executive Officer Ms. Phelisa Nkomo said the CGE has a legislative mandate to promote and protect respect for gender equality, and through this campaign, the Commission

would be able to ensure that there is protection for gender equality in schools. "We are going to visit schools in different quintiles because that will give us a view of any inequalities in the system that affect learners" she added.

The commission's campaign comes on the back of several incidents of sexual violence, discrimination against pregnant learners, bullying, and discrimination against learners in the LGBTQIA+ community. The campaign started with visits to three schools in the Gauteng and Free State provinces.

Assessing Mpumalanga Government's Support to Victims of Domestic Violence and GBV



Commissioner Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla assessed the state of victim friendly rooms, DNA test kits and medical facilities meant to support victims of domestic violence.



The Commission for Gender Equality has been monitoring the conditions at various Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCCs) and police stations across Mpumalanga province, following concerns from members of the public about lack of resources to assist gender-based violence victims (GBV) at these centres. TCCs are critical in the fight against GBV as they provide shelter and support to survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner violence. CGE's commissioner in the province, Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla has paid oversight visits to numerous centres where she held engagements with managers and assessed available

resources. During her visits, Ntuli-Tloubatla assessed the availability of DNA testing kits, victim friendly rooms, condition of premises, provision of occupational health and safety equipment, state of operational budgets. At police stations, the Commissioner was also briefed on the availability of officers who have received GBV training. The purpose of the oversight visits is to monitor that state facilities meant to support victims and survivors of GBV are fully equipped to achieve their mandate, and where there is failure, to hold relevant offices accountable.

CGE Acting Chairperson Attends the Training Forum on Albinism.



The Acting Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality, Nomasonto Mazibuko participated at the training forum on albinism in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania between 7 – 9 February 2023. The training forum hosted participants from 14 countries including Angola, Benin, Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi,

Mali, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zambia, which implement the Plan of Action/National Action Plan. The training forum was hosted by the African Albinism Network with panel discussions, writing exercises, funding tips and other interactive activities.

YOU CAN LODGE A GENDER-RELATED LEGAL COMPLAINT WITH THE COMMISSION FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The Commission for Gender Equality invites members of the public to lodge gender-related complaints for legal investigation in pursuit of justice. Through its Legal Department, the Commission is mandated to do the following:

- Investigate gender related complaints.
- Evaluate laws, customs, practices and Indigenous law, personal and family law affecting gender equality or status of women that are in force or proposed by Parliament.
- Recommend to parliament the adoption of laws that will promote gender equality and status of women.

- Monitor compliance with international conventions, covenants and International Charters acceded and ratified by the government that have a bearing on the object of the CGE.
- Make Contribution / submission to law making process especially in laws that affect women adversely and have a bearing on gender equality in South Africa.

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