



Commission for Gender Equality

Public Education and Information on the call for strengthened action and strong accountability to eradicate GBVF.

Wednesday 10 December 2025 marked the last day of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children. Marking this campaign as a country is more than symbolic. The moment called for strengthened action and strong accountability. South Africa continues to face a devastating epidemic of gender-based violence and femicide, with some of the highest rates of sexual violence in the world. While women and girls remain most affected, men, boys, LGBTQIA+ persons, and persons with disabilities also face exploitation and discrimination, making an inclusive, intersectional response essential. The fight against gender-based violence must therefore expand beyond to dismantle even the eruption of sexual corruption and sextortion, where women and children are coerced into sexual favours for jobs, grades, and economic opportunities, to survive. This hidden abuse erodes dignity and trust and must be urgently criminalized and eradicated. Accountability must be uncompromising, and perpetrators, whether in positions of authority or influence, must face the law. The Commission for Gender Equality is intensifying its role in monitoring and fostering accountability. For more information or to lodge a gender-related complaint, contact us on: complaints@cge.org.za or gender-enquiries@cge.org.za or visit www.cge.org.za, please follow us on our social media platforms: X (@CGE_ZA), Instagram (@cgelive), and Facebook (Commission for Gender Equality).

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