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Department ensures the woman are capacitated

Mahikeng – The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima launched the Women in Action campaign at Cooke’s Lake recently in Mahikeng, to embrace the call to take action and inspire change every day to the lives of individuals especially women. The initiative which was done in alliance with Golden Leopard Resorts to celebrate Women’s month, was to inspire women in an effort to promote spiritual, physical, mental and educational development, including the upliftment of destitute and underprivileged women folk irrespective of their class or religion.

During the event, women were presented with advices, motivated and mentored on how to become better women and how to effect changes in the lives of other women. They were also encouraged to make full use of opportunities and serves available in the department such as bursaries and Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme.

Clinical Psychologist from Kgatelepele Centre Dr Florah Makama appealed to women not to allow stress caused by their financial situation and life issues, to control their lives. “You don’t measure your success by the size of your pocket, but you measure your success by the life’s you have touched” said Dr. Makama.

Kentse Badirwang, a victim of rape, also shared her story with women colleagues on how her rights were violated on several occasions. “I was raped but that did not make me to shatter and bottle everything up. We make take a stand against women and children abuse and break the chain of rape and abuse. These evil deeds that are committed against women and children must be reported no matter the circumstances” said Badirwang.

The Chief Director Corporate Services, Mamorena Lehoko said “it is important that young women in the department are empowered and trained on management courses, encouraged to apply for management roles and that they are not to be discriminated against. The idea that women belong in the kitchen and that are only supposed to bear children it’s a thing of the past. As women we must say this work place is also ours this is no longer a man’s world”, concluded Lehoko.

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