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MEC TLHAPI TAKING A STAND AGAINST GBVF

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In an effort to help combat gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), North West MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation (ACSR) Galebekwe Tlhapi led a departmental dialogue for men and women against GBVF on November 23 and 24 in Vryburg.

The primary objective of the dialogue was to have an open discussion and come up with solutions to prevent psychological, sexual, verbal and emotional abuse, as well as the killing of women and girls, at home or the workplace.

The two-day dialogue for both sexes saw speakers from spiritual, traditional and cultural perspectives addressing staff, as well as a GBV survivor giving a personal account.

MEC Tlhapi said “the significance of two sessions was to give both sexes an opportunity to break the silence and come up with solutions in the battle against GBVF.

Speaking from the cultural and tradition point of view, North West University (NWU) lecturer and Setswana National Language Board chairperson, Ogodiseng Mokakale noted that some abused Setswana proverbs such as “monna ke tlhogo ya lelapa” and “ya etelelwa pele ke e namagadi, ya wela ka lengope” – to find excuse to bully women.

One of the speakers, a victim of GBV, shared her touching physical abuse experience at the hands of her husband.

During the dialogue men and women proposed that the department should develop a number of programmes for staff members to open up about GBVF in order to curb the scourge.

Pastor, motivational and a radio personality, Israel Motsamai, urged men to be their kids’ role models. He said to men: “Live so well that your daughter knows what to look for in a husband, live so well that your son will know how to become a better brother and a husband to his wife.”

Motsamai also cautioned men in top positions not to engage in sexual relationships with women in return for upward mobility at the workplace.



Staff members heeded the call made by President Cyril Ramaphosa by wearing black, mourning COVID-19 and GBVF victims.

Singer Bakang Tiro rendered a powerful song, “Save Me” by Thembisile which was in line with the dialogue.

