

Media Statement – 01 August 2023

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RE: Limpopo Provincial Government Launches Women's Month Programme, Celebrating Achievements in Women's Emancipation and Empowerment

Ga-Nkwana, Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality - The Limpopo Provincial Government launched the Women's Month Programme today in Ga-Nkwana, Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality. The event, attended by esteemed guests and community members, aimed to reflect on the achievements of the Limpopo Provincial government in women's emancipation and empowerment.

Delivering the keynote address, MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms Nakedi Kekana highlighted the significant strides made by the Limpopo Provincial government in advancing women's emancipation and empowerment. Recognising the importance of capacitating women in critical sectors of the economy, such as technology, construction, mining, transport, and logistics, the government has provided women with the necessary tools, training, and support to excel in these sectors.

MEC Kekana also emphasised the government's commitment to addressing persisting challenges such as gender-based violence, gender inequality, poverty, and unemployment. “Through partnerships with civil society and the private sector, comprehensive interventions have been developed to combat gender-based violence, promote gender equality, and create economic opportunities for women,” she said.

The launch of the Women's Month Programme unveiled the 2023 agenda, which focuses on accelerating socio-economic opportunities for women's empowerment. The programme includes various activities designed to address the challenges faced by women in Limpopo. These activities include a Business Venture session, a women's prayer day, sessions on gender equality and an inclusive society, the establishment of cooperatives, capacity building and support for Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), workshops on gender-based violence, and addressing issues of depression and fraudulent marriages.

MEC Kekana expressed gratitude to the women of Limpopo for their strength, courage, and resilience, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to society, the economy, and culture. She also extended appreciation to the Limpopo Provincial government, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and commitment to women's emancipation and empowerment.

The launch event also featured esteemed speakers, including Ms Mankese Thema from the Human Rights Commission, who encouraged women to emancipate themselves and fight against gender-based violence. Ms Nkhensani Hlekani from the Commission of Gender Equality emphasised the importance of information reaching

women and the use of technological gadgets to ensure accessibility. Mr Peter Malepe from the Electoral Commission highlighted the need for fair representation of women in politics and the strengthening of democracy through free and fair elections.

The Women's Month Programme will be championed across all districts of Limpopo, ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities for all women. The government remains committed to empowering women and ensuring that no woman is left behind.

The main Limpopo celebrations for Women's Day will be at Rebone Stadium, Mogalakwena Municipality, Waterberg District on 09 August 2023.

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