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NDALANE CALLS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION FROM TEACHERS AND PARENTS ALIKE

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms. Nandi Ndalane, has called for urgent sexual health education from parents and teachers alike.

The MEC's call follows the alleged rape of a seven year old pupil by a fellow learner of the same age. The incident occurred at a primary school at Shongoane village.

According to Police reports, the victim was taken to the school toilets where the alleged rape occurred. The Police further report that when the victim arrived at home, she complained about leg injuries, and upon examination by her mother, she noticed that there was something wrong with her genitals. She then took the child to the local clinic where rape was confirmed.

Reacting to this painful incident, MEC Ndalane expressed that it is now urgent for parents and teachers alike to educate and bring awareness about sex and sexual health to children. "It is urgent for parents and teachers alike to educate children about sex and sexual health as these incidences appear to be happening frequently," said Ndalane.

She added that the Department was ready to provide support in this regard where some communities may find it difficult. “ Communities are encouraged to organize local structures which can be capacitated in sex and sexual health by our Social work practitioners, said Ndalane.

She emphasized that children need to be protected against premature sexual exposure, which has the potential to leave life-long trauma. The Department will dispatch Social Work Practitioners to provide psychosocial support to the victim and her family.

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