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**PREMIER DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA CONGRATULATES PFANO FOR COMPLETING
448KM AWARENESS RUN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE**

Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has extended heartfelt congratulations to Mr Pfano Ungedzani, a 26-year-old activist from Tshidzini village in Thulamela Local Municipality, Vhembe District, for completing an extraordinary 448-kilometre endurance run from Pretoria to Thavhani Mall, Thohoyandou.

The courageous journey, which began on 1 June 2025 and concluded on 13 June 2025, was not just a test of physical stamina, but a powerful act of activism aimed at raising awareness around the devastating scourge of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF).

Through blistering heat and long, punishing days, Pfano ran with purpose each step echoing a call to action for all South Africans to unite against the ongoing violence that continues to plague women and children across the country.

Premier Ramathuba applauded the young man's bravery and determination, saying: "Pfano's selfless act is more than just a race, it is a bold statement against a national crisis. His courage, resilience, and sense of social responsibility are commendable. We are proud of Pfano and hope his actions ignite a movement of youth-led activism in the fight against GBVF."

The Premier emphasised that it is through such inspiring, grassroots initiatives that communities can be mobilised and awareness amplified. As a government, Limpopo remains committed to working alongside all stakeholders including youth champions like Pfano to confront the pandemic of GBVF head-on.

Pfano's journey is not only a personal milestone but also a stark reminder that society must remain vigilant, responsive, and united in creating safer communities for all.

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