

Implementation of Integrated POA Addressing Violence Against Women and Children

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#365 Days Campaign

- South Africa adopted 16 Days Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children in 1998 as intervention strategy towards creating a society free of violence.
- In 2014, DOW in partnership with other stakeholders extended 16 days to #365 Days of Activism Campaign
- Aim to ensure sustained interventions to raise awareness and ensure more effective activism and mobilisation against Violence Against Women and Children (VAW&C) in yearlong campaign.
- Included “#CountMeIn” as a social media tool for mass mobilisation of communities to promote collective responsibility in the fight to eradicate VAW&C.

National Dialogues

National Dialogues on Violence Against Women & Children were launched by President at 16 Days of Activism Campaign in Lebowakgomo, Limpopo, on 25 November 2016. Dialogues held in all Districts.

National Dialogues in context of:

- Moving beyond 16 days to 365 days of activism campaign to ensure sustained interventions
- Integrated Programme of Action to address VAWC

National Dialogues: Objectives

- To have conversations with communities as victims or family members, to understand causes, extent & solutions to VAWC
- To change mind-sets of communities with regard to women, gender & VAWC
- To raise communities' consciousness on rights of women & need to eradicate patriarchy & GBV
- To assess the effectiveness of the CJS response to VAWC, to follow up on cold cases, etc.
- To revive existing or create new structures to coordinate communities' response to VAWC
- To address poverty, unemployment & inequality through skills development & economic empowerment
- To provide services to communities, especially victims of violence, including counselling, health services, etc.

Rollout of National Dialogues

- National Dialogues have so far been rolled out in five provinces:

Province	Period
Limpopo	November/ December 2016
Northern Cape	August 2017
Mpumalanga	October 2017
Eastern Cape	November/December 2017
North West	February/ March 2018 (underway)

Implementation model/ approach

- Social mapping
- Multi-sectoral approach with champions at all levels
- Inter-governmental (national, provincial, local government)
- Localised with emphasis on most vulnerable communities
- Partnerships with CGE, civil society, FBOs, NGOs, traditional leaders, etc.
- Follow ups by provincial and local govt
- Onsite services, counselling, healing
- Survivors and perpetrators
- Reports serve as evidence-based diagnostic at local and national level to inform integrated response and review incl. economic empowerment, access to CJS etc.

Collaborative partnerships

- The success of dialogues depend on partnerships with all sectors of society namely:
 - ✓ All spheres of government
 - ✓ Chapter 9 Institutions,
 - ✓ Civil Society,
 - ✓ Faith Based Organisations,
 - ✓ Traditional Leadership Institutions,
 - ✓ Sport Fraternity
 - ✓ Business & private sector
 - ✓ Institutions of Higher Learning/Academics
 - ✓ Professional Institutions and others sectors

Facilitation of dialogues

- Dialogues facilitated by Lefika LaPhodiso incl. psychologists and researchers using community arts counselling
- Facilitation includes interactive creative session.
- Facilitators document the conversation in all sessions
- Communities are divided into up to 8 groups or more e.g.
 - ✓ Women
 - ✓ Elderly women
 - ✓ Young women/girls
 - ✓ Men
 - ✓ Elderly men
 - ✓ Young men/boys
 - ✓ Children (where available)
 - ✓ People with disabilities

Psycho-social & health services

Parallel to dialogue sessions:

A. Psycho-social services

- ✓ Counselling when needed
- ✓ One on one support when needed
- ✓ Referrals when needed

Facilitators provide support and local social workers are also critical to assist and follow up – post the dialogues

B. Health services

- ✓ Examination, testing and screening
- ✓ Awareness raising on related health matters

Local clinics and health institutions are requested to assist

Snapshot of key issues

- Complex web of social problems incl.:
 - Alcohol and substance abuse
 - Teen pregnancy
 - Lack of social facilities, housing, economic opportunities, poverty, unemployment etc.
 - Incest
 - Service delivery weaknesses incl. delayed or inadequate responses by police including domestic violence cases
 - Culture of silence, under-reporting of cases & lack of confidence in CJS
 - Dysfunctional families, absent parents etc.

Way Forward: Dialogues

Interim analytical report

Parallel to dialogue sessions are services aimed at:

- ✓ Facilitating reopening of cold cases
- ✓ Facilitating that victims are informed about status of their case or outcome of investigation
- ✓ Facilitating that victims report crimes against them to police
- ✓ Awareness raising through information sharing etc
- ✓ Provision of services to victims

***CGE, SAHRC, Legal Aid, SAPS, DOJ&CD, DoL, DHA etc-
to assist and follow up post the dialogues***

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