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**Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Considering that gender-based violence and femicide takes place predominantly within a community and within families, and noting that the causal linkage between poverty and gender-based violence and femicide suggests that more focus needs to be put on coping mechanisms and strengthening of the family unit with support and development within communities, in what way is her Office, through its defined mandate, assisting in this regard to deal with the root problem in society? NO3487E

**REPLY:**

The National Strategic Plan on Gender-based Violence and Femicide (NSP on GBVF) addresses the linkage of poverty and gender-based violence and femicide and focuses on economic power of women in Pillar Five (5). This pillar recognizes the clear link between GBVF and economic dependence and seeks to ensure that obstacles to women's economic autonomy are effectively addressed.

The pillar sets out to transform the structural make up of South Africa's economy by:

- Systematically increasing access, control, and ownership of productive resources to women,
- Strengthening their participation in the world of work in order to address the economic drivers of gender-based violence across local, provincial, and national spheres; and



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The department regularly monitors effective implementation of evidence based programmes and enforce accountability and reporting on progress made in realization of the Pillar 5 targets in line with its mandate.

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**Approved by Minister**

**Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP**

**Date:** 12/09/2022



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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

A key component of reducing GBV and mitigating its impacts as a bolstering factor for social cohesion, is addressing healing of the individual and collective trauma experienced by people and communities in South Africa. The NSP-GBVF articulates this as 'the need to identify and nurture opportunities to co-create spaces that contribute towards building greater social connectedness, provide spaces for healing, support and self-expression at a community level...thus playing an important role in addressing and healing ongoing social trauma and fear.'

The department facilitated the development of the Comprehensive National Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Prevention Strategy (CNPS), **the first of its kind**. The CNPS is significantly aligned to Pillar 2: Prevention and Rebuilding Social Cohesion of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (NSP GBVF).

The CNPS is set out to turn the tide of GBVF in the country by focusing on eliminating the social acceptance of all forms of violence against women, children and LGBTQIA+ persons through the development and implementation of long-term, comprehensive, adaptable, context specific and holistic approaches to prevention that targets all living in South Africa.

The DWYPD continues to monitor capacitation of Frontline workers on the provision of Psychosocial Support Services, by the Department of Social Services (DSD). This also includes the Statistics on the number of beneficiaries receiving psycho-social support services through the Gender Based Violence Command Centre which is monitored on monthly basis.

As the Minister I am responsible for the roll out of Women's Economic National Assembly (WECONA) as it seeks to unlock and unfold supply chain management opportunities in the private sector and in government for the benefit of women.