



**MINISTRY IN THE PRESIDENCY: WOMEN, YOUTH & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
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**Ms T S Masondo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Given that it is the vision of her Office to build a gender-equitable society by putting more focus on involving men in nurturing boys and girls in the endeavour to break the cycle of gender inequality, gender-based violence and femicide, what steps has her Office taken in this regard? NO3495E

**REPLY:**

The department acknowledges that male involvement and engagement is an important element of GBVF prevention.

Over and above monitoring gender-based violence interventions implemented by departments and stakeholders, we are regularly engaged in campaigns to raise awareness on gender-based violence targeting men.

Examples include the annual 16 Days Campaign on No Violence against Women and Children, and the GBVF Taxi Industry Campaign. The latter campaign is conducted working in partnership with the Taxi Association (SANTACO) in Limpopo, North-West, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape.

The NSP: GBVF Pillar collaborative participants include men's organisation, movement and Faith Based organisation whose role is to target men for awareness raising.



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Approved by Minister

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Department of Social Development (DSD) conducts dialogues on GBV with Men and Boys across provinces which are monitored by the department as part of coordinating and implementing the NSP on GBVF.

The aim of these dialogues is to address issues of GBVF to change behaviour and social norms in the community.

Through these programmes, boys and men are encouraged to question power dynamics in their actions at individual and collective levels and to take responsibility of being change agents. The programmes engage boys and men as gender advocates who speak out against harmful “social norms” and cultural practices that perpetuate gender stereotypes, risky sexual behaviours, and Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).