



**MINISTRY IN THE PRESIDENCY: WOMEN, YOUTH & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
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**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

In light of the fact that 855 women were murdered in the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, as well as the ongoing investigations of attempted murder dockets for over 1 400 women who narrowly escaped death, (a) which areas were monitored by her Office as high-risk areas for the occurrence of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) and (b) what initiatives has her Office embarked on to address GBVF in the specified areas other than the 100-day challenge? NO3503E

**REPLY:**

(a) The department is tracking the number of prevention and awareness programmes conducted at police stations – focusing on GBVF Hotspots across provinces.

In addition, SAPS reports on the number of illegal liquor outlets that were either closed and illegal trades terminated, on monthly basis. Approximately **32471** illegal liquor outlets have either closed or the illegal trades terminated from April 2021 to August 2022.

(b) The department is conducting portfolio based councillor induction training on NSP on GBVF in provinces. Training focuses on implementation of the 6 Pillars of NSP on GBVF and role of Municipalities:

1. Integration of the NSP on GBVF into District Development Plans (DDM) and Integrated Development Plans (IDPs).



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2. Role of local political leadership (councillors) in providing oversight on implementation of IDPs and DDMs to ensure integration of NSP on GBVF.
3. Role of political leadership in coordinating and leading locally-based GBVF Coordination Structures. Councillors are also referred to NSG training on GBVF.
4. The department in partnership with the IMC on GBVF and relevant departments, has established 26 GBVF rapid response teams in four (4) Provinces namely:
  - Kwa-Zulu Natal – 11 Districts and 4 local municipalities, included in the hotspots.
  - Eastern Cape – 7 Districts, included in the hotspots.
  - Free State – 2 Districts, included in the hotspots.
  - Northern Cape – 2 District, included in the hotspots.

**The rapid response teams will be established in the remaining 5 Provinces.**

**Approved by Minister**

**Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Department of Social Development (DSD) is currently collecting data for development of the draft national directives in line with the Domestic Violence Amendment Act.

In terms of implementation, Online Web Portal for Applications for Protection Orders developed in line with the Domestic Violence Amendment Act, 2021. The pilot of the system will be done as soon as the commencement date for the implementation of the Domestic Violence Amendment Act is set.

A total of 40 courts were successfully upgraded in terms of the Regulations relating to Sexual Offences Courts but could not be established as Sexual Offences Courts pending the designation of the regional courts where these courts will be established.