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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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Ms A.M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

With reference to the 12 shelters for persons who have suffered any form of gender based violence and femicide that have been opened in the Republic, with six being in Gauteng and six in KwaZulu-Natal, how far is the process of opening other shelters especially in rural areas where women have to fend for themselves against perpetrators and family members who care more about saving the face of families than the wellbeing of the women? NW4169E

REPLY:

The Department aim to strengthen services rendered to the victims of gender-based violence, the Department of Social Development has opened 02 (two) shelters for abused women in Qwa-Qwa and Sasolburg in the Free State. In addition, the Western Cape Provincial DSD has established and opened shelters that have a capacity to accommodate and benefit approximately fifty (50) GBV victims combined. The buildings are located in the following towns that had no GBV Shelters:

- Albertina,
- Aurora,
- Heidelberg.
- Moorreesburg and
- Laingsburg)



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The Department of Social Development is facilitating the process of establishing shelters in the provincial districts without shelters such as Namaqua and John Taolo Gaaitsiwe in the Northern Cape, KZN and North West.

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Approved by Minister

Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP

Date: 10/10/2022