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Success of the Launch of 16 Days of Activism in Sedibeng

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature, led by Hon. Speaker Morakane Mosupyoe, is proud to announce the resounding success of the launch of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign, held at Evaton Fire and Safety Station, Sedibeng, on November 22, 2024.

Under the powerful theme, *"It Begins With Me, End Violence for a Safer Gauteng,"* the event brought together government leaders, civil society, interfaith organizations, and the vibrant youth of the Sedibeng Corridor. This unified gathering exemplified the collective commitment to eradicating gender-based violence (GBV) in Gauteng.

Hon. Speaker Mosupyoe delivered a compelling address, emphasizing personal accountability and community-driven change as the foundation of a violence-free society. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their roles in fostering environments of respect, equality, and non-violence, inspiring attendees to take actionable steps within their homes and communities.

The event was further enriched by moving interfaith prayers, and youth-led therapeutic monologue sessions. These elements highlighted the importance of holistic approaches in addressing the root causes of GBV and supporting survivors. Key stakeholders reaffirmed their dedication to creating safer homes, streets, and public spaces.



The campaign launch served not only as a call to action, but also as a platform for partnerships aimed at strengthening justice systems, enhancing victim support services, and promoting educational initiatives for the next generation.

As the 16 Days of Activism continue, the Gauteng Provincial Legislature invites all citizens to sustain the momentum of this campaign. Together, let us transform this movement into a year-round commitment to peace, respect, and equality, ensuring a Gauteng where everyone can live free from fear and violence.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants, sponsors and stakeholders who contributed to the success of this critical initiative. Together, change begins with us.

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