

Deputy president tackles abuse and jobs

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GOVERNMENT wants to teach young women about the dangers of blessers.

Deputy president David Mabuza said it will roll out a campaign to educate them about the dangers of being lured by older men with money.

Mabuza told parliament yesterday the abuse of young women has reached alarming levels and many cases are reported daily.

He said this led to the increase of sexually transmitted infections, as well as Aids among young people.

Mabuza said they will organise campaigns to teach young women about the issue. "The attitude of men, especially older men, must change."

He repeated assurances that government will expropriate land without compensation. "This is an option



Deputy president David Mabuza addressed parliament yesterday.

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we will follow to make sure those who work the land are given land. There's vacant land in the hands of departments which can be used productively."

Mabuza said the belief is wrong that land in rural areas owned by traditional leaders belongs to the people. A bill was passed in parliament to deal with the issue.

He said people have received skills through casual jobs at the public works department.

"Government must find a way of supporting youth who have acquired the skills to start businesses."