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## New wheels to fast-track fight against abuse

THE Nomaxabiso Victim Support Centre, which is located in Whittlesea, received a ministerial boost to its fight against the abuse of children and women this past Saturday.

Minister for Public Works, Thulas Nxesi, handed over a brand new 4x4 double cab bakkie to the non-profit organisation, which operates mainly in rural areas.

The donation comes after President Cyril Ramaphosa visited the centre last year.

Nxesi said government, working with community members in Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and the police, would continue to intensify the fight against the abuse of women and children in the country. And the vehicle would come in handy in this regard.

"More must be done by all of us to fight against this cancer of abuse of children and women. This vehicle will assist the NPO to do its work of supporting the women and children who are survivors of abuse," he said.

The chairperson of the NPO, Maphelo Kholisi, said the vehicle would assist the NPO to do its work in the rural communities surrounding Whittle-



Nomaxabiso Victim Support Centre receives new 4x4 bakkie to intensify fight against abuse.

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sea.

"Today I just want to thank the government of the people for the good work that they have done in our community," he said. The centre received the vehicle at the launch of the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence campaign.

Among the dignitaries who attended the event was the MEC for Public Works in the Eastern Cape, Pemmy Majodina. - SANELE JAMES