

Molapisi appeals for intervention on gender based violence

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The North West MEC for Public Works and Roads, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi, has called for investigations into the causes of the scourge of violence on women and children that has plunged the country into a crisis.

The MEC has described the situation as sad state of affairs “just after celebrating women’s month that the scourge of violence against women and children is almost reaching a crisis stage. Our society has lost its moral fibre. We won the fight against apartheid because there was unity in the society. Our Africanism dictates that we are because of others”.

In a passionate plea Molapisi

said: “It sadness my heart to see men who are born of a woman, who are supposed to be protectors and keepers of women, girls and children being the ones perpetuating these horrendous crime against not only the victims but humanity. It is ferocious and inhuman in this current age to see such actions continued by some of our men”.

The government according to the MEC has set aside programs aimed at educating the society on the implications of the atrocities committed against women and children. “It cannot be that it should be a sole function of government to end the abuse and many crimes committed against women and children. Government has policies

in place to address some of the challenges including the rule of law. I firmly believe that policy alone will not bring permanent behavioural change unless there is buy in”, added the MEC.

Molapisi is also of the view that the growing scourge of violence against women and children suggests otherwise. “It is perhaps suggesting that there is a general societal and psychological deep seated issues that need our urgent attention. I will therefore appeal to everyone to join in the search for more definite reasons as to why we are here today after celebrating 25 years of our democracy. Why are we in the current state of affairs when there is so much educational programs and

access to information?

“Is our knowledge bankrupting our social, spiritual and moral intellect and consciousness? Why are we perishing as if there is lack of knowledge whereas knowledge has increased?”

The MEC appealed to the African intelligentsia, the institutions of higher learning and researchers of social psychology, researchers in the religious fraternity as well as other disciplines to work together with government to find the underlying cause of this challenge. However, he remained confident that as united South Africans the scourge of violence against women and children could be overcome.



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