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Zikalala launches ward-based rapid response fight against gender-based violence and femicide in Ndwedwe

- Opens and hands-over victim friendly rooms in Ndwedwe Police Station

Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala will on Tuesday 13 October, open and handover the Ndwedwe SAPS victim support centre.

As the country continues efforts to combat violence directed at women and children, Zikalala, who is also the Cabinet District Development Model (DDM) Champion of the iLembe District (kwaDukuza, Ndwedwe, Mandeni, kwaMaphumulo), will intensify his ward base response against GBVF especially in rural areas where most cases remain under reported due fear and lack of resources and various social challenges.

Deputy Minister Zikalala will also receive an update on the response plans by various stakeholders against GBVF.

The handover the Victim Friendly Room will provide a safe space where victims of GBVF crime can be interviewed and give statements in a confidential, respectful, and dignified manner.

The opening and handover forms part of efforts aimed at ensuring the scourge of GBVF is combated while encouraging rural women to come Forward and speak out to get support. This is also in line with the National Strategic Plan (NSP) in fighting

against Gender Based Violence (GBV) and the protection of vulnerable individuals and communities.

Members of the media are invited to cover the social impact opening and handover.

Details

Date: Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Venue: Ndwedwe SAPS

Time: 09h00

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