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This year's **16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign** (16 Days Campaign) is important because we commemorate many milestones. The year 2014 marks 60 years since the signing of the Women's Charter on 17 April 1954 in Johannesburg; 20 years of freedom and democracy in South Africa and 16 years of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign. The 16 Days Campaign is an annual awareness-raising Campaign that begins on the 25th of November and runs through until the 10th of December. South Africa adopted the Campaign in 1998 as one of the intervention strategies towards creating a society free of violence. The 2014 - 16 Days Campaign will also be a celebration of the **16th anniversary** of 16 Days Campaign, therefore it cannot be business as usual, **'something's got to give'**. The Campaign has and continues to generate an increased level of awareness amongst South Africans pertaining to the negative impact of violence against women and children (VAW&C) on all members of the community.

DoC Provincial Offices during the 16 Days of activism:

GAUTENG:

Reiger Park, City of Ekurhuleni - 16 Days of Activism launch

President Jacob Zuma, visited Reiger Park for the launch of the 2014 '16 days of activism for no violence against Women and Children' Tuesday 25 November 2014.



President Jacob Zuma delivering his keynote address



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President Jacob Zuma signing the 16 Days of Activism pledge accompanied by Minister Susan Shabangu, MEC Sizakele Nkosi-Malobane and Mayor Mondli Gungubele

Community of Reiger Park turn-up in large number to listen to President Zuma's message on 16 Days of Activism and be counted in to work towards a moving a non-violent South Africa forward.



Reigerpark young and old came in numbers to witness the launch of 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children and to be counted in

FREE STATE:

On the 03rd of December 2014, The National Department of Social Department together with the Free State Department of Social Development and The National Department of Women hosted a commemorative 16 Days of Activism against Women and Children. The event was held in Frankfort, located in the north/east tip of Fezile Dabi District Municipality of the majestic province of the Free State.



From left: MP Mr Madala Ntombela, Mafube LM Chief Whip, Cllr Mosia, Mafube LM Mayor Cllr Sigasa, Minister of Women Me. Susan Shabangu, Minister of Social Development Me. Bathabile Dlamini and MEC for Social Development Me.Sisi Ntombela and other dignitaries at the 16 Days of activism even held in Frankfort.



From left: Mr Don Matera, Minister Bathabile Dlamini, Minister Susan Shabangu and MEC Ntombela officially opening the Frankfort Safe Park



Children marching through the streets of Frankfort to deliver their "Count Me In" Memorandum



Minister Susan Shabangu and Minister Bathabile Dlamini signing the memorandum with MEC Sisi Ntombela looking on

Public sentiments:

Sibongile Hadebe:



"We appreciate all the measures that our government to protect us and our kids but we also need the death penalty to come back especially for those caught raping and killing".

Ntswaki Mokgele:



"16 Days is important as it brings awareness about abuse and protection of Women and Children".



WESTERN CAPE:

The Matzikama Municipality for this year's campaign ensured that municipal officials, NGO's, key government departments that render services in the Matzikama municipality, which include SAPS, Social Development and the Department of Correctional Services form part of a march which include the handing over of written submissions to both SAPS and the Department of Justice.



SAPS signing of on the submission in regards to the fight against abuse	Community members start with the March from Vredendal north to the centre of town
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Community members waving their posters in the fight against the abuse of women and children in the community	The Deputy Mayor of the Matzikama municipality read the submission made to the Department of Justice in the Matzikama Municipality
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KWAZULU-NATAL:

The Minister of Finance in KZN Mrs Belinda Scort launched the 16 days of activism campaign at Edendale on 25 November 2014 in her capacity as uMgungundlovu District Operation Sukuma Sakhe Champion. She started her journey by visiting a war room and families in Imballi Unit 14 where she checked progress that has been made since presidential visit on 30 September 2014.



uMgungundlovu OSS champion, Belinda Scort addressing masses at Lay Centre in Edendale

uMbungundlovu Mayor, MEC for Finance & Mayor for uMngeni LM were part of the Mens March that took place on 25 November 2014 in Mooi River



Children also participated on the event aimed to protect their rights.

Men embarked on a street March to say No! to women and child abuse

Another event was held at Matsheni Sport field Umzimkhulu:



Community member in attendance at the launch, the venue was filled to capacity

Community leadership who address the community on the day



EASTERN CAPE:

The Department of Communications (Eastern Cape Office) in partnership with government communicators from different sector departments and state owned entities in the area of Nelson Mandela Bay embarked in a road intersection blitz at William Moffet road intersection, in the morning of the Thursday, 04 December 2014. The information Blitz was to create awareness about the 16 days of activism campaign under the theme: “Count Me In: Together Moving a Non-Violent South Africa forward”.



EC 16 Days closing events

In closing 16 Days of activism various activities are held throughout the Province, in line with the theme for this year.



Men's march in Engcobo to mark the closure



Men pledging to be counted in during a dialogue post the march in Engcobo



Intsika Yethu march marking the closure



Men's walk led by the Premier Phumulo Masuale in Maluti in Matatiele Municipality.



LIMPOPO:



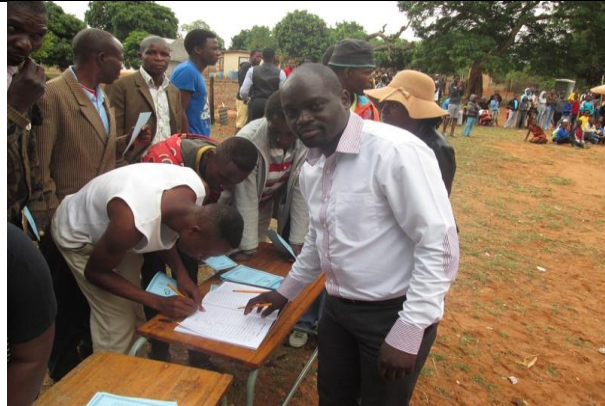
Greater Giyani Mayor Clr Mafemani Patrick Hlungwani participated on a radio talk show for 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children.



Part of the community members during 16 Days of Activism of no violence against women and children at Ntwane village, Elias Motsoaledi Municipality on the 4 December 2014.



The mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality during 16 days of activism of no violence against women and children at Ntwane village on the 04 December 2014.



Mukula men led by Mulimisi from Muvhango soap signed the Oath of supporting no violence against women and children at Mukula village on the 29 November 2014



Executive Mayor of Waterberg with the MEC for Safety, Security and Liaisons during the candle lighting moment as part of the provincial launch of 16 days of activism on the 25 November 2014



Community members during the launch of 16 days of activism at OR Tambo community hall at modimolle on the 25 November 2014

MPUMALANGA:

The provincial opening event for 16 Days of activism for no violence against and children

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality – Tweefontein.



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On the 29th of November 2014 the Department of Social Development's national office partnered with other stakeholders provincially and locally and embarked on the exercise that was aimed at emphasising government's position on the act of no violence against women and children.



The MEC for DCSSL during his keynote address and the MEC for Social Development issuing out the wheelchairs donated to people living with disabilities.



The MEC for the DOE assists in issuing out of wheelchairs to the rightful owners and the community members queuing to consult at the government stalls.



The MEC for the DOE issuing out school uniform to the learners



NORTHERN CAPE:



NC Premier Sylvia Lucas the Public Protector during the opening event of the 16 days of activism



SAPS representative during 16 days event in Louisvale



Some of the departmental representative during the 16 days event in Louisville



Transport, Safety and Liaison MEC Martha Bartlett as a keynote speaker during the closing event of the the 16 days of activism in Springbok



Attendants during the closing of the 16 days of activism event in Springbok



NORTH WEST:

North –West Provincial government commemorated 16 days of activism of no violence against women and children abuse at Letsopa Community Hall in Ottosdal in the Ditsobotla Local Municipality on 25th November.



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