



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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PROVINCIAL GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE PROGRESS REPORT

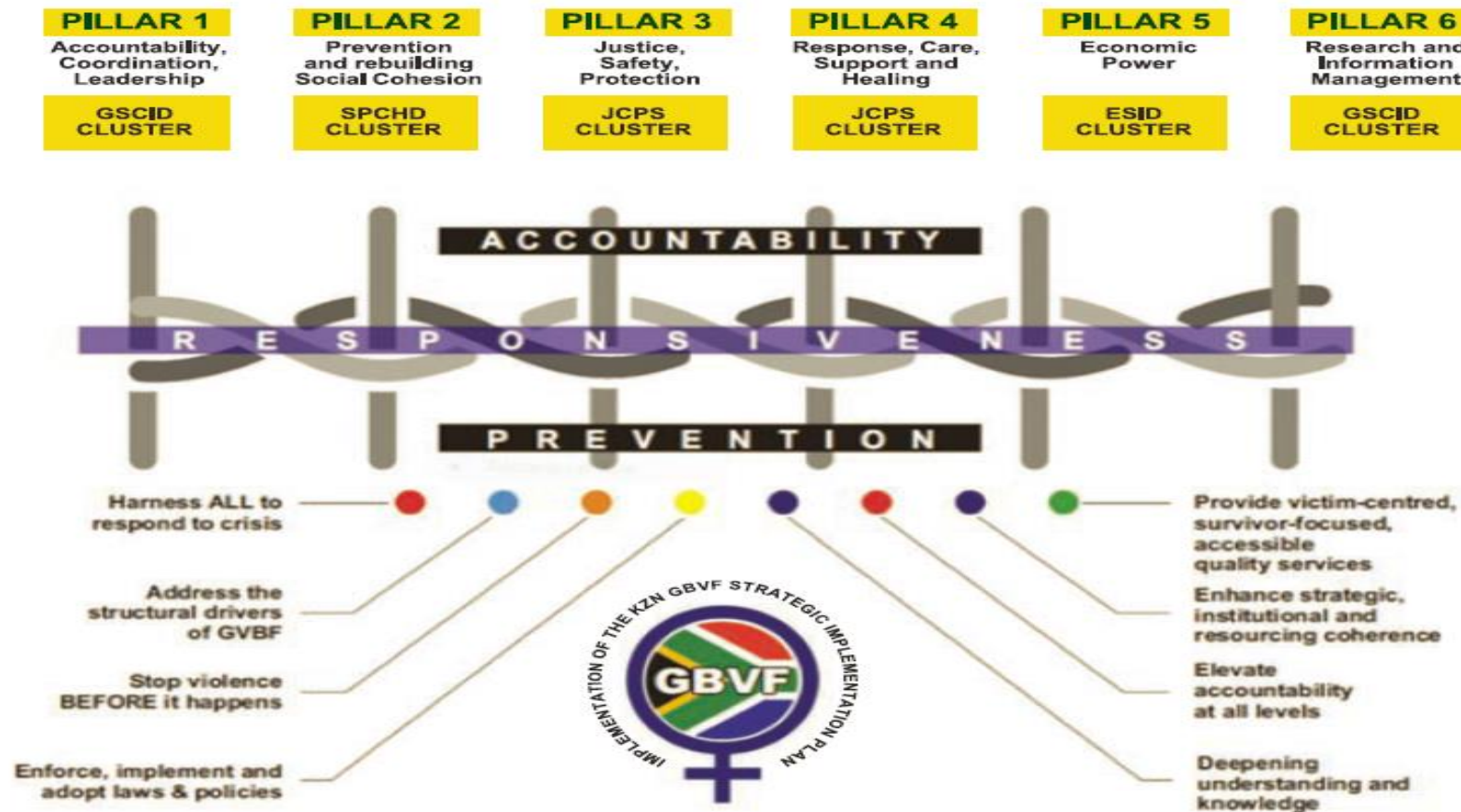
APRIL 2023 TO JUNE 2023

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this presentation is to present the Quarter 1 (APRIL– JUNE 2023) Provincial Gender Based Violence and Femicide Report.



KEY MATTERS

Pillars	KEY MATTERS
PILLAR 1: ACCOUNTABILITY, COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP	The development of a customized Local Multisectoral GBVF Implementation Plan in Zululand District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of the consultative meetings is to coordinate a programme on the implementation of KZN Provincial GBVF Strategic Plan in all Local Municipalities under Zululand District Municipality from May- June 2023. • the Office on the Status of Women and Gender Focal Points coordinated all stakeholders to jointly develop Local Plans for the GBVF response. • The consultative meetings reached 250 representatives from each LM who are key in the fight of GBVF per Local Municipality in Zululand.
PILLAR 2: PREVENTION AND REBUILDING SOCIAL COHESION	Creating GBVF free society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of the Premier is currently working on Public-Private Partnerships towards the Light-Up Inanda Campaign. Mnambithi Group and eThekweni Metro has been requested to support the Provincial Gender-Based Violence Response Programme with provision of solar-powered streetlights in Inanda Township as identified as the number 1 Gender-Based Violence hotspot in the country. • The Launch of Light-Up Inanda Township supported by Mnambithi Group and eThekweni Metro will be held on 25 November 2023 as part of the Launch of 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children.

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PILLAR 3: JUSTICE, SAFETY AND PROTECTION	<p>Victim-Friendly Rooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourteen out of 28 Park homes have been installed in Police stations which will be used as Victim-Friendly Rooms. The 12 VFRs are in Mbazwane, Jozini, Ndumo, Magudu, Mandini, Ngome, Nondweni, Maphumulo, Ekombe, Glendale, Nsuze and Ntambanana, Rietflei, Kokstad. The installation of the rest of the park homes will be finalized in November 2023.
PILLAR 4: RESPONSE, CARE, SUPPORT AND HEALING	<p>Training and Programmatization of Ward-based GBVF Rapid Response Teams integrated into War Rooms (starting with GBVF Hotspots)</p> <p>UNFPA support: Establishment of Ward- Based GBVF Rapid Response Teams and GBVF Training for Fieldworkers. The GBVF response programme is focused on the following services: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Comprehensive Training Manual for Master Trainers and Participants has been developed and it includes Teenage Pregnancy. A Pre and Post Assessment Tools for the GBVF Training has been developed Mentoring and Coaching of Master trainers to establish Ward-Based Rapid Response Teams in 70% of wards within KZN province.

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PILLAR FIVE: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT	<p>Skills Development Programme for Victims of GBVF survivors in shelters and open-door centres sponsored by KZN Gaming Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Empowerment funds to the value of R1,852,900.00 were donated to Open Door Crisis Centers and Shelters for skill development programmes for survivors of GBVF. Training programmes included sewing, beadwork, gardening, painting woodwork and plumbing (for men).
PILLAR 6: RESEARCH AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	<p>GBVF Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KwaMashu and Ntuzuma are no longer in the top 30 Police stations in SA with high Rape and Sexual Assault cases. The following areas in KZN are still in the top 30 Police Stations with high Rape and Sexual Assault cases: Inanda, uMlazi, Empangeni, Nongoma, Plessislaer, Madadeni, KwaMbonambi. <p>Development of a GBVF App with a panic button</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of the Premier recently secured funding from private sector partners to build the initial foundation of the GBVF App with a panic button. Making the system fully operational requires effective ward- based GBVF Rapid Response Teams integrated to War Rooms. The GBVF App will be linked to members of the GBVF RRT which include War Room EXCO members, Traditional Leadership, SAPS, DSD, Education, Health, etc.

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GBVF Intervention	Timeframe
Creating GBVF free society	25 November 2023
Refurbishment of Shelters	March 2024
Training and Programmatization of Ward-based GBVF Rapid Response Teams integrated into War Rooms (starting with GBVF Hotspots)	July 2023 - March 2023
Sponsorship for Skills Development Programme for Victims of GBVF survivors in shelters and open-door centres	Completed
Development of a GBVF App with a panic button	March 2024

CHALLENGES

Challenge	Proposed Solution	Responsible
Lack of Sign Language interpreters in GBVF Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All department must set aside budgets for Sign Language interpreters. 	All
Late reporting of victims of sexual assault to health facilities resulting within 72 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensify Awareness programmes on GBVF in communities 	Health
GBVF cases reported to Traditional Courts are not referred to SAPS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Leadership structures must form part of the Ward- Based GBVF RRT 	COGTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low conviction rate as there is no DNA Lab in the province Heighten number of sexual assault victims who are non-viable witnesses (children, PWD, senior citizen) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource mobilization for the Establishment of GBV DNA lab in the identified DOH property in eThekweni Metro. Picketing and Petitions 	SAPS, NPA
There is no referral pathway for maidens who are victims of sexual assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination structures of maidens must be part of the GBVF Rapid Response Teams 	DSAC
Withdrawal of cases by community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victim empowerment programme for victims of sexual assault. 	SAPS

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Provincial Council on AIDS notes the Quarter 4 (April to June 2023) progress report on GBVF programmes implemented by government departments, civil society organizations
- There should be support for Municipality Gender Focal Office to be able to discharge their responsibilities.
- The Provincial Gender-Based Violence and Femicide progress report is submitted to District Gender Focal Points so that the report is endorsed by District Mayors before it is tabled before the Provincial Council on AIDS.

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