

Memorandum to Ramokonopi Police Station Commander and the Chairperson of Community Policing Forum

**This initiative was initiated by Katlehong Rise Young Women Group Supported By: Katlehong Local AIDS Council, Leratong Child Rescue and Advisory Center, People Opposed to Women Abuse, Treatment Action Campaign and Ubuhle Bezulu Original Gospel Singers.**

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Rise Young Women is a youth base organization that is advocating and lobbying for the advancement of young girls and in so doing it disseminate positive message about the success of other young women. Our aim in doing this is to ensure a reduction in the number of cases unreported due stigma around Gender Base Violence, HIV/AIDS, STI's and TB related illnesses and to that individuals with HIV/AIDS who are unable to lead a normal life to discrimination for which Saps members are not equipped to deal with such as individuals cursing and infected person publicly and case open but perpetrators been freed due to the law not followed to the later.

Challenges:

Due to the fact that there already cases of intimidation reported then we request the officials to publicly announce that status of those cases and also focus on giving a report about cases involving Gender Base Violence, Rape, Child Abuse and Child molestation. Therefore we request that something to be done about that as people on receiving end do not understand and are forever fighting with themselves for something that is above their shoulders.

1. We also demand that the issue of ambulances be dealt with as in most cases the person who report the case at the local station needs to be transported in place of safety with trained personnel. Main clinic is just a stone away then why don't we just expand the service to that particular institution with the assistance of MMC of Health in Ekurhuleni we are experiencing unnecessary deaths due to the delays of provincial ambulances who do not know the directions as most people who work in that institution don't reside here.
2. Shortage of staff is a great challenge as Police Officers, Counsellors, Community Policing Forum members have the rights to leaves and if that happens it becomes a challenge as people start queuing at 4 am until the station is about to change shifts ,whilst the rest are turned back without being assisted. Therefore we demand that enough staff in all the departments should be employed for quality service to be rendered and reduce the high rate that the station is faced with.



3. We demand that the station should have a full time trained counsellor for HIV/AIDS inmates and more administrators in both the departments. We also demand for the on call doctor to be speedily employed in both temporary male and female cells.

4. We are glad that our female presentation within the force is visible but as the structure we would like to find out how many women rank leaders in Katlehong.

5. We demand that an effective system be introduced to replace complaint box system, since this system should be abolished as it is causing a lot of confusion and violates the rights of complainant's.

5.1 We demand that CPF as a community structure should start to recognize local community structures and seek to work with them, as Rise Young Women we would like to officially declare ourselves fit to participate in this structure and be invited like all structures within the community.

6. Last but not least we are demanding that the station should work hand in hand with the Rise Young Women, if a person seeks emergency care as it is enshrined in section 27(3) of the constitution with or without J88 form that must be done and we demand that medical legal center operate 24.7 as people got raped mostly late at night.

We are not confused by taking this matter to the Station Commander and The Chairperson of Community Policing Forum, however guided by chapter 1 of the constitution of the country that all the spheres of the government must protect, promote and fulfil the rights in the bill of rights.

We therefore request you to sit with the MMC for Safety in Ekurhuleni to rectify the mess faced by the above mentioned station.

We demand response within the 7 working days in order to save people's lives and push towards reaching the Women Round Table Dialogue 2015 targets.

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Chairperson Rise Young Women Katlehong branch



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Ramokonopi Police Station Commander

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