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## Press Statement

### Limpopo Legislature visits Seleka

The Speaker of Limpopo Legislature, Hon. Polly Boshielo addressed the Fifth Legislature Women's Parliament on the 25th of August 2017 in Seleka Village, under the theme "Women commemorating their democratic rights as equal citizens of the country to influence decision-making."

The Limpopo Women's Parliament brought together women from different walks of life under one roof to debate on issues affecting women and advancing their needs. Amongst issues that were under discussions,

- The role of women in influencing decision-making as equal citizens of the country as part of their democratic right,
- Women's interest to coordinate, lead and oversee the transformation of their economy,
- The role of government in addressing issues of gender based violence and abuse, health and domestic violence.

In her main address, Boshielo said that while she was in Sekhukhune with the Public Protector the women in the area said they are being abused, emotionally, financially, mentally and physically by their partners and it goes to show that the country is not doing right by women.

She also made other indication that while she was in Mpumalanga more than 12 women have been killed by their spouses since January to August.

"Until we as women stand up, men will always have power over us, if we continue to hide our scars and protect abusers these men will not stop. Women need to stand up for one another, it is shocking to find another women leading an attack on a fellow women" said Boshielo.



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Debating on, the role of women in influencing decision-making as equal citizens of the country topic, Francina Moshina, Nora Mashidi and Mahlare Emily said that women are capable beings to influence decision making as equal to men all they need is help and the necessary support.

“As women we have always been treated inferior to men. In the workplace women are reduced to mere tea ladies or cleaners while men occupy higher positions. Women with disability are also victimized because they are unable to perform certain tasks” said Nora Mashidi.

Legislatures’ Mirriam Ramadwa closed the debate by saying all proposals by the speakers were heard loud and clear.

“Speakers were clear on their messages that charity begins at home. All suggestions have been taken into consideration and will be further discussed in Legislature with all the relevant representatives. The suggestions will also be forwarded to Office of the Premier were they will be given to relevant departments for implementation”

Ramadwa said legislature will be monitoring every step of the way to ensure that the suggestions and concerns are implemented accordingly.

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