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## Press Statement

### Women's day Celebration

“Like male counterparts, women should be allowed to exercise choices such as participating in politics, getting and education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination” said Limpopo Premier Stan Chupu Mathabatha when he was addressing multitudes during the National Women's Day event held at the Barcelona Sports Ground in Ga-Mushi Village in Mogalakwena Municipality.

He further urged on women to take advantage of the laws and policies that government has put in place for their own upliftment and protection.

Mathabatha was accompanied by member of his EXCO, MEC of Health and also doubling as Social Services MEC Poppy Ramathuba, Treasury MEC Rob Tooley, Agriculture MEC Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana, CoGHSTA MEC Makoma Makhurupetja, MEC of Public Works Jerry Ndou and MEC of Transport Nandi Ndalane, Mayor of Cllr Mogalakwena Hendrina Matsimela and Mayor of Cllr Lephalale Moloko Jack Maeko.

He also said that statistics show that more often than not, women will be assaulted, harassed or killed by someone she knows than a total stranger. Experience proves that the abuse of women comes in different shapes and sizes.

“In the recent past we have seen horrific episodes were women are not killed but also burnt to ashes. The real challenge for all of us is to ensure a working partnership between woman's organization and progressive men's organization so that we can expose and isolate the abusers” said Mathabatha.



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National Women's Day is a South African public holiday celebrated annually on 9 August. The day commemorates the 1956 march of approximately 20 000 women to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to petition against the country's pass laws that required South Africans defined as "black" under The Population Registration Act to carry an internal passport, known as a pass, that served to maintain population segregation, control urbanisation, and manage migrant labour during the apartheid era.

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