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Media Statement:

COPE CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION TO ROOT OUT GBV.

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Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a pandemic that we as a country must collectively eradicate. GBV can be viewed from various perspectives, including the nature and severity of the violence, as well as the time period during which it occurs.

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, let us hold ourselves accountable and strive to meet the highest standards that we set. We must unite in the fight against this demon known as GBV.

This was the message shared by COPE CLLR Tom Mofokeng during a council meeting held today at the O.R Tambo Government Precinct in Germiston. "COPE strongly condemns the abuse of women and children and calls on law enforcement to protect victims and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice," said Mofokeng.

"Women cannot continue to die at the hands of the people who are supposed to protect them, their loved ones.


"Lives are lost due to a lack of respect for humanity and the right to life, a fundamental right protected by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Yet, these rights are often neglected and violated by partners, families and institutions alike."

Furthermore, COPE is committed to transforming Ekurhuleni into a hub for agriculture and manufacturing, with a focus on artificial intelligence and car manufacturing. This transformation aims to create sustainable jobs, ultimately reducing the high unemployment rate and providing opportunities for women and youth to find employment.

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