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## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF GBVF AND JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS IS NEEDED, SAYS NKOSI LUZIPHO

As part of the Women's Month activities, last week, CoGTA in partnership with the departments of Social Development, Health and Mquma local municipality embarked on a Gender Based Violence (GBVF) awareness campaign for the community of Tholeni Administrative area in Mquma.

The village was recently affected by the tragic deaths of a 38-year-old mother suspected of killing herself and her three children which has left the residents of Tholeni in fear. It is also more than a decade since the little rural community was freed of its lurking serial rapist and killer, Bulelani Mabhayi, now jailed for life.



L-R is Nkosi Luzipho, Nkosi Qongo Luzipho, Nkosi Victor Luzipho and Mr Dyantyi



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Speaking at the event, the Manager for Traditional Leadership and Rural Development Facilitation Mr Mlungiseleli Dyantyi called upon the community not to take drastic decisions about their lives when faced with challenges. He promised that government would provide counselling services for the community.

Ms Nontlantla Jucwa from the department Social Development and Special Programmes said through collective efforts government can create greater awareness, reduce the number of sexual offences and attacks on women and children. "I plead with members of the community to seek help. We are here to help you and your confidentiality is guaranteed," said Ms Jucwa.



**Community of Tholeni Administrative Area**

Nkosi Jongilizwe Victor Luzipho of Amahlubi Traditional Council said the community of Tholeni has been through a lot. "We are happy that government has seen a need to create awareness as well as bring counselling services to our people. People are now aware that killing oneself is not a solution. Drug abuse by young people is another challenge. Working together we can prevent violence against women," said Nkosi Luzipho.

He called upon the departments to support survivors of abuse and bring perpetrators to justice. "All of us, whether in our communities or in our homes must do everything we can to promote and protect the rights of women and children," said Nkosi Luzipho. **Report Vuyani Sibene**