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Deputy Minister Ntshalintshali to Conduct a GBVF Outreach Initiative and Visit a Safehouse in Support of Victims

Deputy Minister of Correctional Services, Honourable Lindiwe Ntshalintshali, will conduct an outreach initiative as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the prevention and response to Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) to be held at Grootvlei Correctional Facility in Bloemfontein on 22 April 2026. The Deputy Minister is further expected to pay a visit to a Safehouse in the area in support of GBVF survivors and the Centre.

Deputy Minister's action is a direct response to government's continued intensification of its fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), which President Cyril Ramaphosa has described as the country's 'second pandemic'. Government has recognised that Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a 'national crisis' that is a serious human rights abuse affecting all sectors of society. GBV is a widespread and entrenched socio-economic problem that stems from an unequal distribution of power and privilege between men and women. Thus, concerted efforts need to be embarked upon to rid the society of this social malice, and through the Deputy Minister's intervention, the government is making positive strides to eliminate this plague and change the status quo for the better.

Established in 2023, the Safehouse provides short-term emergency accommodation and holistic support services for victims of crime and violence, with a specific focus on Gender-Based Violence victims. Core of its services include shelter and protection, counselling and psychosocial support, group therapy, skills development and empowerment programmes, as well as community-based prevention programmes to raise awareness on gender-based violence and human trafficking.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 22 April 2026

Venue: Grootvlei Mess Hall, Bloemfontein

Time: 12H00

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