



MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILD WELFARE

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Hon. Speaker
Hon. Members

It gives me great honour and privilege, to stand before you today, to deliver a ministerial statement just to inform you about our intent as a Ministry. One of the mandate of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, is to ensure Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. Whereby the Ministry Coordinates activities and programmes aimed at, ensuring that men and women, boys and girls, their wellbeing in our society are protected and realised at all times.

Hon. Speaker
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As we have learnt that, in our society, the evil of Gender Base Violence is manifesting its ugly face among our people. Majority of us have witnessed the Act of Violence or may have heard or read about the scourge of GBV in our local media, that now it's a daily event. There is no day passing without hearing a women or a child has been murdered by a man.

In most cases the victims of GBV are mostly women and children, and the perpetrators are men, Who are the children, husbands, brothers, uncles, fathers who are all born by women. These perpetrators of GBV are men who were supposed to protect these women they have turned to kill them.

Hon. Speaker

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The MGECW, and the whole GRN machinery, all stakeholder and the General Public at large, we all have the obligations as by the Namibia Constitution to uphold and defend the constitution and the Laws of the Republic. Article six(6) of the Constitution states about protection of life. It clearly gives instructions to every human being in our society to respect and protect the right to life. Article 8(2)b is saying, no person shall be subjected to torture or to cruel inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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In addition to Namibia is a signatory to the international and regional instruments, which have a bearing on GBV, and has brought into force a number of National Laws and Policies to combat GBV, among others are

- Combating of Rape Act 8 of 2000
- Combating of Domestic Violence Act 4 of 2004
- Criminal Procedure Amendment Act 24 of 2003
- Maintenance Act 9 of 2003

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Despite of the directives of the Constitution and Laws, we still observe or witness the violations of these provisions by some elements within our society, who have got the liberty of taking the law into their own hands. I am warning that, there is no one above the Law, no one. This criminality of turn to murder innocent women and children should stop.

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The MGECW's intent this time around, is to double our effort to comply with the provisions of our Constitution and the Laws of the Republic, that the Namibian House should not be destroyed by satanic behaviours.

Therefore the MGECW has planned to launch the mass media campaign against GBV. This campaign will be launch on Friday the 10th of July 2015 at Safari Hotel. It will be launched by Her Excellency the 1st Lady of the Republic of Namibia, Madame Monica Geingos.

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The aim of the campaign is to inform and educate all our people about various ways of solving problems and seeking help without resorting to violence. The campaign will be through radio drama series and gradually through TV series. We have decided as Ministry and our stakeholders not to leave any stone unturned, until the war against GBV is definitely defeated.

In conclusion, I am hereby inviting each and every member of Parliament to attend the launch. This scourge of GBV is not for MGECW alone but it is for everybody.

Leaders show up to set example that you are also angry.

With these remark I thank you for attention.

Thank you.

