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NPOs TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FIGHT GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVF).

Mahikeng: The North West Province will intensify the fight against recurring incidents of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) by funding twenty (20) Non-Profit Organisations to provide a variety of services to victims of GBVF.

This was announced by Acting Premier Nono Maloyi when delivering the State of the Province Address on Tuesday, 20 February at the North West Provincial Legislature.

In his address, Acting Premier Maloyi said the province is saddened by a growing number of Gender Based Violence incidents, which largely affects women, girl children, the elderly and people with disabilities.

"The province through the Department of Social Development, will set aside R17 million, to fund NPOs to provide a basket of services to persons with disabilities" maintained Acting Premier Maloyi.

He revealed that as part of strengthening efforts by government to fight GBVF, 792 victims received sheltering services.

"Government will continue to provide financial and professional support to 19 victim empowerment centres, to ensure that the victims are provided with accommodation, basic

counselling, court preparation and psycho-social support services" said Acting Premier Maloyi.

Furthermore, Acting Premier Maloyi maintained, government will continue to work with law enforcement agencies to ensure coordinated services to the victims of gender-based violence.

He was unflinching in his commitment in ensuring that perpetrators of this heinous crimes face the full might of the law.

On women empowerment, Acting Premier Maloyi said eight women-led cooperatives and individuals will benefit from R1, 4m which has been set aside for their upskilling and business growth.

A further R4,5m has been set aside to support women cooperatives, and SMMEs to provide market access for their products and commodities.

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