

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN ABUSED LAUNCHED IN LEPELE-NKUMPI

President Jacob Zuma has officially launched the 16 Day of Activism against Women and Children Abuse in Lebowakgomo Civic Centre. The 2016 event will be marked under the theme "Count Me In: Together Moving a Non-Violent South Africa Forward".

Speaking at the event, President Zuma said the theme urges all South Africans to fight this scourge against women and children. As part of the campaign, Government will also convene a series of National Dialogue Sessions on Violence against Women and Children across the country towards finding collective solutions to end the abuse in communities.

He said the campaign is about uniting all behind one message that women and children must feel safe in our country. The United Nations has proclaimed 25 November as International Day of No Violence Against Women.

Zuma said each year this day is used to take stock of progress made in fighting the abuse directed at women and children. He said: Government is determined to use all resources at its disposal to make the country safer for all women and children."

The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children is an international awareness-raising campaign. It takes place every year from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). The period includes Universal Children's Day and World AIDS Day.