

JTG hosts 16 Days campaign In Olifantshoek

The 16 Days campaign of no violence against women and children was held on the 08th December in Olifantshoek in the Gamagara Local Municipality. The event was organised by the district municipality and in attendance was Councillors, South African Police Services, the GCIS, Home Affairs, Department of Health and the department of Transport, Safety & Liaison. This year's event was held under the theme "***Count Me In: Together Moving a Non-Violent South Africa Forward***"

The Executive Mayor made reference to the key messages for this year. The key messages emphasised on change of attitudes, support of the criminal justice system, men leading change, working together with all sectors to fight abuse. She encouraged men to take action, to act against abuse and protect women and children. The Mayor also made an appeal to everyone to join hands with government and fight the scourge of violence against women and children. The event was also attended by one of the family members who witnessed domestic violence that led to the death of her sister. She encouraged women to immediately report any form of abuse before it leads to more serious acts like murder.

Olifantshoek like other places in the country is marred by high rate of domestic violence, alcohol abuse and unemployment and child neglect. The Executive Mayor promised that they will work together with stakeholders to make sure that the rights of women and children are protected. She also encouraged those sectors that are working with women and children to partner with government to eradicate all forms of abuse in the community.



Executive Mayor Councillor Sofia Mosikatsi addressing members of the community in Olifantshoek during the 16 Days Campaign of no violence against women and children



Community members in Olifantshoek attending the 16 Days Campaign