

SAHRC REMINDS COMMUNITIES ABOUT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) was established in terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 as a state institution supporting constitutional democracy and therefore it derives its mandate from the Constitution.

The SAHRC conducted Human Rights Clinics or what might be known as the community outreach programmes in conjunction with the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and the two local municipalities namely, Joe Morolong in a village called Kampaneng in the vicinity of Kgosi Motshwarakgole and Ga-Segonyana in Ncweng on the 03rd and 4th of September 2015 respectively.

Government's mandate on Public Participation Programmes or community outreach programmes is to promote a cooperative government which is important to ensure that government delivers on its mandate to provide services for its people, addresses challenges such as poverty and unemployment, enhances investment, development and growth and most importantly, to provide public accountability.



Community members of Kampaneng in attendance of the outreach programme

The SAHRC also as a chapter 9 institution, it has a mandate to promote respect for human rights and culture of human rights, to promote the protection, development and attainment of human rights; and to monitor the observance of human rights in the Republic of South Africa, hence the conductions of these clinics.

Most of the community's concerns were on how their rights as community members are being infringed, for instance, they travel far in order to get their social grants because of they do not have a community hall and the access to basic needs like water.

They also raised issues regarding marriage of the same sex and that children do as they please because corporal punishment is no longer allowed. However, Mr Lesego Raphalane from SAHRC outlined to the community members that the South African law protects marriage of people with the same sex as much as corporal punishment is not allowed and everyone was encouraged to abide by the law. Mr Raphalane will take the other issues up with the relevant stakeholders and the answers will be given to the ward administrators of the locals in order to ensure that feedback is provided.



Some of the of the officials and cluster representatives alongside Kgosi Motshwarakgole