



**ADDRESS BY EXECUTIVE MAYOR DADA MORERO AT THE GBV
ENGAGEMENT WITH ALL CITY INSPECTORS ON 02 OCTOBER,
FNB STADIUM, JOHANNESBURG**

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CITY MANAGER

ALL CITY BY-LAW ENFORCERS

We thought the time has come for us to consolidate and assist ourselves and the country to deal with this disaster that is making our women and children feel unsafe. This fight is real. It calls on us to act, because we are closest sphere of government to the people. we must to intensify our effort and intervene. More than 33 thousand women and men work for the City of Johannesburg. Our job is about service delivery, which means we are in people's homes, places of work, and places of entertainment. We are government and our task is to govern.



TO OUR BY-LAW ENFORCERS AND INSPECTORS

The South African Police Services indicate that Johannesburg is ranked amongst the highest nationally for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and sexual offenses. We are classified as a hotspot. This narrative has to change because Johannesburg is the place we call home. It is the land of opportunity. The growth of economy depends on ability to build safe communities.

TO THE CITY MANAGER AND THE ADMINISTRATION

Johannesburg has a Gender Based Violence and Femicide Strategy. This strategy help us to improve our security and interactive measures on the ground. Furthermore this strategy is about the welfare and empowerment of every person in every region and community within the City of Johannesburg.

When you are confused about the meaning of Gender-based Violence (GBV), this strategy will assist you. When a victim experiences:

1. Domestic Violence
2. Economic Abuse
3. Femicide
4. Gender-Based Constraints
5. Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



Do the right thing and do not judge. Act immediately so that the victim and/or families can feel safe, and the perpetrator feels scared, because we will find him or her and allow the law to take its course. We cannot stand back any longer. We are part of the security eco-system of south Africa. Together we cannot fail.

Let us be reminded that the GDS Joburg 2040 tasks us to improve the quality of life and development-driven resilience for all.

HOW DO WE POSITION OURSELVES TO WIN THIS BATTLE?

The City of Johannesburg's commitment to fight against GBVF. We will achieve this through targeted interventions mainly in disadvantaged areas, improving infrastructure and service delivery, while also creating economic opportunities for its residents. Further, its commitment is seen through its efforts at addressing social issues such as GBVF and promoting social cohesion. The city seeks to ensure inclusivity through gender-responsive budgeting based on the needs and aspirations of its people and communities at the local level. This means focusing and ensuring implementation in the following areas:

1. Community Outreach and Awareness
2. Prevention and Social Cohesion
3. Skills Development
4. Inclusive Economic Empowerment
5. GBVF Survivor Support
6. Housing and Human Settlements
7. Intergovernmental Relations and Accountability
8. Partnerships



I want us to focus on partnership area, because alone we will not go far. All of us in this dome have a responsibility to embrace the partnership model of City, which is aimed at bringing together stakeholders groups such as: the South African Police Service (SAPS), Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD); National and provincial government departments, along with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Civic Society Organizations, to actively rollout GBVF preventative and eradication programmes within communities.

TO JMPD

You must never let your guard down and ensure that the national process flow that was established for GBVF case handling at all public facing institutions such as police stations, clinics, and courts, are adhered to in the City are implemented.



TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

You must ensure that the standardized GBVF response protocol of the City (derived from the Presidential GBVF report and the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide) is effectively implemented.

Our established partnerships with community organizations, stakeholder groups, and other interest groups, to aid in reaching out to and educating members and leaders of the community on matters, opportunities, and challenges pertaining to the department's fight against GBVF within the City. The taxi association has come forward. Let us embrace this support.

Through partnerships with we must support each other to provide training (and skills) to survivors of the GBVF and members of the LGBTQIA+ community on active prevention techniques.



INSPECTORS

Every time you inspect a building; it is important to share information that educates and make community aware of GBVF. By sharing information, could be you saving a life.

IN CONCLUSION

Crime must reduce in the City of the Johannesburg.

Not in our name.

We will not stand by and watch criminals destroy our city.

We said all our strategies must be implement street by street, block by block.

Let us go out and create a safer Johannesburg.

Johannesburg belongs to every resident who lives in it.

Thank you

