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City of Johannesburg Celebrates Women's Month with a Programme of Sport, Leadership, Wellness and Economic Empowerment

The City of Johannesburg is proud to commemorate Women's Month 2026 with a diverse programme of activities taking place throughout August in various Regions under the spirit of empowering women and girls, promoting healthy lifestyles, advancing economic participation and strengthening social cohesion across the city.

This year's National theme is **"Empowered Women Empower the Nation"**.

Women's Month provides an important opportunity to honour the legacy of the women who fought for equality and justice while reaffirming the City's commitment to creating inclusive opportunities that enable women and girls to thrive.

This year's programme brings together various City departments, municipal entities, provincial government partners, sporting organisations, community groups and the private sector to deliver activities that celebrate women's achievements and create meaningful opportunities for empowerment.

The programme will officially commence with the **Community Sport Engagement Day on 6 August** at No. 3 Square in Alexandra, promoting wellness, teamwork and community participation through sport.

On **7 August**, the Transport Department will host a virtual **Women in Transport** celebration, bringing together women professionals and leaders to share experiences and inspire the next generation of women in the sector.

Sport will take centre stage throughout the month, beginning with the **Girls Football Tournament** at Rabie Ridge Stadium on **8 August**, where 32 schools will participate in a tournament designed to promote girls' participation in sport while restoring dignity through mentorship initiatives and the distribution of sanitary towels. The tournament is presented in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Education and the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation.

Also on **8 August**, women from across Johannesburg will participate in the **Women's Fun Walk and Dialogue** at Westbank Park in Region E, encouraging healthy living while creating a platform for meaningful conversations on issues affecting women.

Women's Day celebrations on **9 August** will include the **Women's Netball and Cricket Event** at Elkah Sport Stadium, the **Provincial Women's Celebration** at Field and Study

Recreation Centre under the theme *"Empowered Women, Thriving Communities: Together We Build a Brighter Future,"* and community celebrations in Ennerdale that recognise the invaluable contribution of women to Johannesburg's development.

The City's commitment to empowering women through sport will continue with the **Women's Day Netball Tournament** on **10 August**, the Launch of the **Waterfall City Half Marathon** on **12 August**, the **Women's Empowerment Seminar for women entrepreneurs** on **13 August**, the **Totalsports Women's Race** on **16 August**, and the **Gauteng Women's Tennis Championship** taking place from **8 to 9 August**.

Economic empowerment remains a key focus of this year's programme. The Department of Economic Development, through the Isiqalo Opportunity Centre and its partners, will host a **Women's Empowerment Seminar** aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs through networking, knowledge sharing and business development opportunities.

Throughout the month, participants will also engage in leadership dialogues, mentorship initiatives and wellness programmes, **including Perfecting Her Game, Women Talk, the JCPZ Women's Day Dialogue, City Power's Women's Month Celebration, and the Empowa Women Leadership Summit**, which will bring together business leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers and investors to advance women in leadership, innovation and enterprise development.

The programme concludes a number of community-focused initiatives, including a Women's Day Tea Party, Healthy Lifestyle Aerobics, a stakeholder workshop for athletics development, and a literary celebration showcasing Johannesburg's published women authors and aspiring writers.

The Member of the Mayoral Committees and Community Development in the City of Johannesburg, **Cllr Thapelo Amad**, said:

"Women's Month is an opportunity for us to celebrate the resilience, achievements and leadership of women while renewing our commitment to building a city where every woman and girl has access to opportunities that enable them to succeed. Through sport, entrepreneurship, leadership development, health and community engagement, we are investing in a more inclusive Johannesburg where women continue to shape our city's future."

The City of Johannesburg encourages residents to participate in the month's activities as together we celebrate the strength, resilience, leadership and achievements of women while advancing equality, empowerment and inclusive development.

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