NOT ALL MEN BUT ANY MAN!

A NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WILL NOT WAIT?

NAPTOSA calls on men, parents, caregivers, educators, and communities to raise better men. This process starts long before adulthood. They must model respect, consent, accountability, and non-violence.



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women found dead in and around Kempton Park in two months

according to enca

723

women and children recorded as murder victims in the quarter immediately before April–June 2026

as cited in the newsflash from SAPS quarterly crime statistics

These are not abstract statistics. They are learners who lose mothers, sisters and guardians. They are colleagues who sit beside us in staffrooms, carrying grief they cannot always name. They are futures cut short before a woman ever had the chance to finish telling her story. A society that cannot keep its women alive cannot claim to be building a future for its children.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION

Legislation must be matched with budget, implementation and consequence, including proper reasoning of Thuthuzela Care Centres, sexual offences courts, and survivor support services in every province, not only the well-resourced ones.

MEN AS GENDER CHAMPIONS

- Men and boys: model respect, consent, accountability, emotional responsibility and non-violence.
- Parents and caregivers: listen, set boundaries and challenge harmful behaviour early.
- Educators and communities: teach healthy relationships and create safe spaces.
- Reject sext jokes, silence and violence; support survivors and demand accountability.

NAPTOSA'S COMMITMENT

- Hold the government accountable for providing adequate funding for policing, ensuring safer streets, and improving lighting.
- National and provincial governments must show commitment and take action.
- Stand with civil society and unions.
- Refuse to treat femicide and GBV as private or unavoidable.
- Support survivors through appropriate counselling, legal and union structures.
- Embed age-appropriate consent, healthy relationships and respect in schools.

SPEAK UP. MODEL RESPECT. INTERVENE EARLY.

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