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MEC HLOMUKA CALLS ON MEN TO LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND TO CURB THE SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka today, 08 December 2022, led the commemoration of World Aids Day and rolled out the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence at Sonyongwana, Ward 8, under the Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality.

MEC Hlomuka who was accompanied by the Harry Gwala District Mayor Zamo Nxumalo and Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality Mayor Sindisiwe Msomi called on men to stand up and lead the fight against gender-based violence and to help curb the spread of HIV/AIDS.

"Women and children are the most abused sectors of society. We must be the first to defend them not abuse them. Women must also encourage their partners to go test for HIV/AIDS. It is usually women who go to test for their HIV/AIDS status. Men must not always want to measure their status by the results of their partners as it could happen that they are positive. We need to all get tested so that those who are positive can start their treatment."

"The province of KwaZulu-Natal has the highest number of people living with HIV/AIDS. Out of 7,9 million people living with HIV/AIDS 2, 5 million are from this province and only 1,9 million of them know their HIV status. Most concerning is the high numbers of new infections particularly amongst the youth (15 to 24-year age group)," said MEC Hlomuka. MEC Hlomuka also visited the Creighton Police Station and monitored the station's compliance in terms of the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act and led a peace walk against gender-based violence."

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