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MEC HLOMUKA TO LEAD WORLD AIDS DAY AND ROLLOUT OF THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN IN HARRY GWALA DISTRICT

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka will on Thursday, 08 December 2022, lead the commemoration of World Aids Day and rollout the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence at Sonyongwana, Ward 8, under Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality.

MEC Hlomuka alongside local Mayors from the district, traditional leaders and civil society organisations will reflect on progress the government has made in fighting HIV/AIDS and map the way forward in curbing the pandemic within the district.

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).

As part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, MEC Hlomuka, local Mayors and civil society will visit the Creighton Police Station to monitor the station's compliance in terms of the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act.

MEC Hlomuka will also lead a peace walk against gender-based violence and conclude with a community engagement, which will include survivors of gender-based violence.

Members of the media are invited to the event as follows:

Date: Thursday, 08 December 2022

Venue: Sonyongwana, Ward 8, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality

Time: 10h00