



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

MEDIA STATEMENT

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The MEC for Social Development Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale, will lead an Anti-Substance Abuse Campaign to Mankweng as part of Social Development Month. Rakgoale has undertaken to dedicate more efforts towards the implementation of anti-substance abuse prevention through awareness campaigns and education as the first levels of intervention.

This done all in a bit to enlighten and inform communities about the harmful effects of substance abuse. The campaign also seeks to sensitise the public, particularly young people about the harmful effects of alcohol and drug abuse, provide information to the schooling community on available resources and the support system regarding substance abuse.

The campaign will also help to clamp down of incidents of Gender Based Violence as it is believed that majority of perpetrators of women and children abuse commit their acts while they are under the influence of alcohol and drug abuse.

The campaign has been planned as follows:

Venue: Ramakanyane High School (Polokwane Municipality)

Date: 15 October 2019

Time: 07: 00

Issued by the Department's Communications Unit. For enquires, kindly call Spokesperson Witness Tiva on 071 249 178 or 071 609 9090.

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