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Health Deputy Minister Dhlomo to lead a march against illegal & unsafe abortions

Pretoria: The Deputy Minister of Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo will tomorrow (Thursday, 17 February), lead a march to raise awareness about illegal and backroom abortions as part of Sexual and Reproductive Health awareness which is observed annually in February to promote awareness about sexual and reproductive health.

Despite South Africa's liberal abortion law, illegal abortion clinics have mushroomed in South Africa's cities, townships and towns since the advent of democracy. South Africa continues to face challenges with illegal, unsafe and self-induced abortions at a relatively high rate. This problem is exacerbated by advertisements through pamphlets and flyers on the street poles mostly in urban areas, which promises quick, cheap and safe abortions.

The Department of Health has urges women, especially adolescent young women and teenagers to seek legal and officially recognised health institutions certified to offer safe termination of pregnancy in compliance with Termination of Pregnancy Act.

The Deputy Minister Dhlomo will be joined by Minister of Basic Education Ms Angie Motshekga, Deputy Minister Dr Regina Mhaule, and North West MEC for Health Mr Madoda Sambatha, MEC for Education Ms Wendy Matsemela as well as local leaders from Moses Kotane Municipality. The event will culminate with the launch Teenage Pregnancy Policy at Platinum Primary School, Rustenburg.

Media is invited to the March as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 17 February 2022
Time: From 10h00
Venue: March to start at Rustenburg Municipality Offices to Rustenburg Taxi Rank, North West province.

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