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# SA moves to Alert Level 1

**SOUTH AFRICANS** are celebrating the country's move to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Alert Level 1, which came into effect at midnight on 20 September.

pital beds, ventilators, oxygen and other essential medical requirements has also reduced steadily.

"We have succeeded in overcoming the worst phase of this epidemic, while protecting the capacity of our health system," the President confirmed.

He applauded South Africans for this achievement and for the thousands of lives that have been saved through their collective actions. "This achievement has also been recognised by the World Health Organisation," he said.



Allison Cooper

**P**resident Cyril Ramaphosa recently announced the good news to the nation, explaining that the number of positive COVID-19 cases has dropped from an average of 12 000 cases a day, two months ago, to less than 2 000 new cases a day.

Since the national state of disaster was declared six months ago, over 15 000 South Africans have lost their lives and over 650 000 have been infected with the virus.

"We now have a recovery rate of 89 percent... There has been a gradual, but steady, decline in new infections, hospitalisations and deaths. Demand for hos-


## A deadly epidemic

While the country has made great progress, people are still getting infected with the virus and some are losing their lives.

"By any measure, we are still in the midst of a deadly epidemic. Our greatest challenge now – and our most important task – is to ensure that we do not experience a new surge in infections," the President said.

He explained that several countries around the world, that had passed the peak of the virus and thought they had brought it under control, have been hit by a 'second wave' of infections. "In many cases, the

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# GBV victim's life saved by NGO



Silusapho Nyanda

**A**victim of long-term gender-based violence (GBV) – who was beaten, threatened with murder and shot – says if it were not for Masimanyane Women's Rights International, she would be dead.

Lindelwa Ntanta (59), an East London resident, went through 18 years of abuse at the hands of her ex-husband, who she finally managed to divorce in 2018.

She says his abuse led to one of her three children committing suicide. It started with psychological and verbal abuse but quickly escalated to physical assault.

She says: "I got a protection order against him and he was told not to come to my house. Within a few days, he broke the order and I had him arrested. After he was released, he came back with a gun and shot me in the legs, saying that he was going to kill me."

Over the years, despite not living with them anymore,

he continued to harass the family, often targeting the spaza shop Ntanta ran by destroying her stock.

Ntanta says Masimanyane Women's Rights Interna-

**"The reason we have offices at police stations is so that we can help GBV victims the moment they go to report a case."**

tional, an NGO funded by the Department of Social Development, has provided tremendous support over the years. The Masimanyane

team helped Ntanta obtain several protection orders over the years, assisted her with counselling and in getting her granddaughter's school fees reduced.

"I am alive because they have protected me from my abuser. Even now, they are assisting me with legal matters as my ex-husband is trying to sell the house we live in," says Ntanta.

Masimanyane is an anti-GBV organisation that has been in existence since 1996. It has offices in Mdantsane and East London Magistrate's Courts, as well as staff based at the Fleet Street, Buffalo Flats and Duncan Village police stations.

Community project manager for Masimanyane, Buyiswa Mhambi, says the organisation offers support services to victims of abuse, including counselling, shelter, abuse awareness and computer and craft skills.

"The reason we have offices at police stations is so that we can help GBV victims the moment they go to report a case," says Mhambi.

Visit Masimanyane Women's Rights International's office in Scenery Park township or go to their website: [www.masimanyane.org.za](http://www.masimanyane.org.za)

## CGE yi nyika mfikelelo eka vululami

Dale Hes

**V**axanisiwa va madzolonga yoya hi rimbewu (GBV) lava va tikeriwaka hi ku kuma mpfuno na nseketelo lowu va wu dingaka va komberiswa ku tihlanganisa na Khomixini ya Ndzingano wa Rimbewu (CGE).

CGE yi nga pfuna hi nhlayiso wa vana, nxaniso hi timhaka ta swa masangu, xihlawuhlawu ku ya hi rimbewu na GBV, naswona yi nyika vaxanisiwa vukorhokeri na switsundzuxo swa nawu mahala.

Mofihli Teleki wa khomixini u vula leswaku wun'wana wa mintirho ya CGE i ku pfuna vaxanisiwa ku mangala milandzu eka vanawu. "Ndzawulo ya nawu yi



heleketa vamangali ekhoto ya majisitireti ku ya pfula milandzu ya madzolonga ya le mindyangwini na ku va pfuna ku tata tifomo leti lavekaka. CGE yi tlhela yi tirha ku landzelerisa milandzu, ku katsa ku pfinya na milandzu ya timhaka ta swa masangu, nxaniso wa timhaka ta swa masangu na ku dlayiwa ka vaxisati." CGE yi nga tlhela yi pfuna

muxanisiwa ku kuma nsirhelelo wa xinawu naswona yi tshama yi karhi yi tirha na Vuvhuchisi bya tiko ku tiyisisa leswaku muxanisiwa u kuma ku tenga ka kahle. "Hi ndlela leyi, CGE yi endla Vulanguteri naswona va kota ku landzelerisa milandzu ya GBV naswona va kambisisa timhakankulu, to fana na matikhomelo yoka ya ngari na ntwelavusiwana

eka vafambisi, nxaniso wa vumbirhi wa vaponi na tiphurosese to vutisisa to pfumala ntwela vusiwana," Teleki a hlamusela.

Loko vaxanisiwa va tikeriwa hi ku fikelela vululami eTikhoto ta Madzolonga ya le Mindyangwini, CGE yi nga endla tano ku va yimela, yi nyika vuyimeri bya nawu. Yi tlhela yi kota ku hundzisa vaxanisiwa eka nseketelo wa swa miehleketo.

**Vukorhokeri bya nkoka**

CGE a yiri ku tirheni nkarhi hinkwawo wa ku pfaleriwa tanihi vukorhokeri bya nkoka.

"Hambileswi milandzu yin'wana ya tikhoto yi nga hundziseriwa emahlweni hikwalaho ka ku pfaleriwa, timhaka ta xihatla to fana

na madzolonga ya le mindyangwini na GBV yi ya emahlweni yi tekeriwa enhlokweni eka sisiteme ya vululami," ku vula Teleki.

CGE yi tiyisisa leswaku timfanelo ta vanhu ta sirheleririwa. "Afrika-Dzonga ri na xidimokirasi, ri tinyike-terile eka timfanelo ta vanhu, ku katsa mfanelo ya ndzingano na xindzhuti xa munhu, ku ya hi milawu ya Vumbiwa." **V**

**Tsarisa xivilelo**

Vaxanisiwa va GBV na nxaniso va nga foyinela nomboro ya mahala ya CGE eka 0800 007 709 ku tsarisa xivilelo. Va nga tlhela va rhumela rungula eka pheji ra Facebook: Gender Commission of South Africa.