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## Plans to protect women and children

**P**resident Cyril Ramaphosa has announced an emergency plan to deal with the violence against women and children in the country.

Addressing a Joint Sitting of the National Assembly and National Council of Provinces recently, the President said the plan strengthens existing measures and introduces new interventions in five principal areas.

These areas include;

- How to prevent gender-based violence
- Strengthening the criminal justice system
- Steps that need to be taken to enhance the legal and policy framework
- What can be done to ensure adequate care, support and healing for victims of violence
- Measures to improve the

economic power of women in South Africa.

"This emergency action plan

will be driven by an Interim Steering Committee located in the Presidency and co-chaired

by government and civil society organisations.

"The Steering Committee will coordinate rapid response at national level. The plan will be implemented over the next six months," the President said.

He called for the Joint Sitting to focus the attention of elected public representatives and the nation at large on the crisis of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).

"To enhance the safety of women, we are going to, as a matter of urgency, make the necessary amendments to our laws and policies to ensure that perpetrators of GBV are brought to book. We will make substantial additional funding available for a comprehensive package of interventions to make an immediate and lasting difference.

"Cabinet has resolved to direct R1.1 billion in additional funding in this financial year to the comprehensive response to GBV. It is government's intention that the funds appropriated for this programme will be raised from within the current budget allocation and will not require additional borrowing," the President said.

### Prevention measures

Government will launch a mass media campaign that will target communities, public spaces, workplaces, higher education institutions and schools, as well as recreational spaces.

"As part of this campaign, we are going to provide gender sensitivity training to law-enforcement officials, prosecutors, magistrates and policy makers – and ensure that

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# Aarto encourages safer driving behaviour



■ Minister of Transport Fikile Mbalula informing the public about AARTO.

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**D**river's need to be extra vigilant when it comes to sticking to speed limits and obeying road rules, following President Cyril Ramaphosa's signing of the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto) Amendment Act into law in August.

Aarto, which is being introduced to improve law-abiding and safer driving behaviour to reduce road accidents, will be implemented once it has been gazetted.

The Department of Transport says it will help address the higher number of road accidents.

"The Aarto Act is an objective and fair system of identifying reckless drivers and law breakers so that we can remove them from the driving fold," said Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula.

"We will be able to adequately address the carnage on our roads. We are burying far too many people as a result of crashes. In 2018 alone, 12 921 people lost their lives in road collisions in South Africa. Each death represented an average loss of R4.6 million to the economy, in terms of lost productivity, pain and suffering and legal and funeral costs," he said.

Under the Act, failing to pay traffic fines can lead to a block on obtaining driving and vehicle licences and an administrative fee, in addition to other penalties.

The Act also states that documents, which previously had to be delivered by registered mail through the post office, can now be served electronically and reminders can be sent via WhatsApp and SMS. The Minister said driver rehabilitation programmes would be put in place for infringers who have their licences suspended. "This shows that Aarto is not just about punishment, but has intentions to ensure compliance and change road user behaviour,"

he explained.

## The demerit system

The Aarto demerit system will penalise drivers and operators who are guilty of infringements or offences, by allocating demerit points that could lead to the suspension and cancellation of driving licences, professional driving permits or operator cards. Every licenced driver starts with zero points. Points accumulate for every act that is against the law, until they reach a maximum of 12. Depending on the severity of an offence, between one and six points can be allocated at a time.

A person is allowed to drive

until he/she reaches 12 points, thereafter any more points result in a licence suspension.

When your licence is suspended you must immediately hand in any driving licence or professional driving permit to the issuing authority for retention during the disqualification period.

You may also not apply for a driving licence, professional driving permit or operator card during the disqualification period.

Any person who drives or operates a motor vehicle during his or her disqualification period is guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine or imprisonment for

a period not exceeding one year or to both a fine and imprisonment.

When the disqualification period has ended, you may re-apply for and be issued with a licence. However, when a licence has been suspended for the third time, it is cancelled. Unlicensed drivers will receive no discount and their demerit points will only start to reduce once their licence is issued. However, unlicensed drivers caught for the third time will be arrested.


If you elect to go to court for an offence, demerit points are only recorded when you are found guilty.

If you appeal against a conviction, no demerit points are recorded unless the appeal is rejected or abandoned. Nothing prevents you from approaching a court to appeal or review the total amount of demerit points recorded against your name.

**"We will be able to adequately address the carnage on our roads."**



The demerit system also rewards law-abiding drivers by reducing one point, every three months, if no infringements have occurred. Points can be reduced until the driver again reaches zero points. Minister Mbalula said it was clear that with the increasing carnage on South Africa's roads, something has to be done to bring unlawful drivers to book.

"We have won an important battle, but the war on road fatalities is not yet over. Here is to many victories ahead, as we work together to ensuring safer roads," said Minister Mbalula. 



# Dikerante tsa setjhaba di thusa dimiliyone tsa batho

**TEFO YA KGWEDI** le kgwedi ho tswa ho mmuso e fana ka tshireletso ya bohlokwa ya tjhelete ho batho ba Aforika Borwa ba tsielehileng haholo.



## Silusapho Nyanda

**H**o netefatsa hore baahi ba Aforika Borwa ba tsielehileng ba sirellehile, mmuso o lefa dikerante tsa setjhaba tse fetang tse 17 million kgwedi le kgwedi.

Kerante ya setjhaba e bolela letlwele la mmuso le lefang maAforika Borwa a thatafallwang ke bophelo. Tsamaiso ya dikerante tsa mmuso e matsohong a mokgatlo wa mmuso o bitswang Lekgotla la Aforika Borwa la Tshireletso ya Setjhaba (SASSA), le tseletsweng ho fana ka ditshebele-tso tsa tshireletso ya setjhaba ho fokotsa bofumanehi.

Ho na le dikerante tse mmalwa tse fumanehang, ho itshetlehile ho ditlhoko tsa batho ba etsang dikopo. Tsena ke dikerante tsa batho ba baholo, tse bitswang hape e le penshene ya maqheku; kerante ya tshehetso ya bana; kerante ya tlhokomelo ya bana; kerante ya ho thusa bakeng sa batho ba

phelang ka kerante ya setjhaba empa ba hloka hape batho ba ba hlokomelang; kerante ya mekaubere ya ntwana; kerante ya bana ba siilweng le batswadi ba bang le ya diqhwalana.



## Kerante ya Bohole

Kerante e fumanwang ke batho ba phelang ka boqhwalana ke R1 780. Baetsadikopo ba lokela ho fihlella keraetheriya e itseng ho ka etsa kopo.

Ha o na le boqhwalana ba mmele kapa ba kelello mme bo o etsa hore o se ke wa kgona ho sebetsa bakeng sa nako ya dikgwedi tse tshetletseng kapa ho feta, o ka etsa kopo ya kerante ya boqhwalana.

Ha o etsa kopo o lokela ho tlatsa foromo ya kopo ya kerante ya diqhwalana ofising tse hau fi le wena tsa SASSA o na le ofisiri ya SASSA pela hao.

Hodima mona o lokela ho tlatsa bopaki foromong ya tlwaelo ya SASSA ka pela Mokomishenara wa Boikano eo e seng moofisiri wa SASSA.

Mmuso o hloka hape setatemente sa kano se saennweng ke motho ya tsebisahalang ya ka netefatsang mabitso a mokopi le dilemo tsa hae.

Hape a fane ka bopaki ba dithoto – ho kenyetsetsa boleng ba masepala ho ntlo eo o nang le yona, bopaki ba penshene ya poraefete, tokomane ya Letlwele la Inshoreense ya Batho ba sa Sebetseng, setifikeiti sa ho tlohela mosebetsi ho tswa ho ramosebetsi wa hao wa pele, haeba o ne o sebetsa, mme haeba molekane wa hao a hloka hetse nakong ya dilemo tse hlano tse fetileng, khophi ya 'wili' mmoho le diakhaonte tsa pele le tsa ho qetela tsa thekiso le kabo ya

dithoto tsa hao.

Haeba o le mophaphathehi, o lokela ho fana ka maemo a phemiti ya hao ya bophaphathehi le dinomoro tse 13 tsa lengolo la boitsebiso la hao la bophaphathehi.

Ho feta mona, hore o be le bokgoni o lokela ho ba:

- Moahi wa Aforika Borwa kapa moahi wa motjhaotjhele kapa mophaphathehi mme o phela ka hara Aforika Borwa ka nako ya ho etsa kopo.
- O be pakeng tsa dilemo tse 18 le tse 59 ka boholo.
- O sa hlokomelwa setsheng sefe kapa sefe sa mmuso.
- O na le buka ya boitsebiso ya Aforika Borwa,
- O sa kgole tjhelete e fetang R78 120 o le mong kapa R156 240 ha le nyalane.
- O se na dithoto tse fetang boleng ba R1 115 400 o le mong kapa R2 230 800 ha le

nyalane.

- O lokela ho hlalohjwa ke ngaka e hlwailweng ke mmuso ho hlaloba boqhwalana ba hao.
- O tlise direkoto tsohle tsa dingaka le diraporoto ha o etsa kopo le ha o etsa hlaloba ya boqhwalana.

## Kerante ya Maqheku

Kerante ena e etseditswe ho thusa maqheku. Kerante ya boqheku e lefella batho ba dilemo tse 60 kapa ho feta.

### Baamohedi ba lokela ho:

- Se kgole tjhelete e fetang R78 120 o le mong kapa R156 240 ha le nyalane, le
- Ho ba le dithoto tse sa feteng boleng ba R1 115 400 o le mong kapa R2 230 800 ha le nyalane.

Moamohedi o amohela R1 780 ka kgwedi mme ba dilemo tse 75 ba amohela R1 800.

SASSA e lefa kerante ho baamohedi ka tsela ya kheshe ka matsatsi a itseng sebakeng se itseng sa tefo. Hape e leshwa ka dipositi ya elektронiki akhountong ya banka kapa Postbank kapa ditsheng tse jwalo ka mahae a maqheku. ①

**Lesedi lena le nehelanwe ke SASSA.**

**Ha o batla ho tseba haholwanyane mabapi le dikerante tsa setjhaba, ikgokahanye le Sassa ho 012 400 2000 kapa e ya ho [www.sassa.gov.za](http://www.sassa.gov.za).**

## Na o ne o tseba?

**Lesedinyana la Vuk'uzenzele le tla hatisa diathekele tse mmalwa mabapi le mefuta e itseng ya dikerante kgwedeng ena e leng Kgwedi ya Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba.**