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MEDIA RELEASE

TO: ALL MEDIA
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RE: 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN ABUSE

Minister of Health Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang and KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health Mrs. Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni will be at Hafuleni (kwaJali) at Umuziwabantu Municipality to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism Against Women and Children Abuse.

The day is endorsed by the United Nations and all member countries observe it between 25 November and 10 December. This will be the eighth time South Africa is observing the annual event and significant improvements have been Governments and organisations across the world, participate in this campaign to raise awareness of the negative impact that violence and abuse has on women and children. Abuse can be in the form of rape, child abuse, sexual harassment and emotional abuse.

On Friday, Minister Tshabalala-Msimang and MEC Nkonyeni will be at KwaJali to encourage the community in the South Coast to observe the campaign and make 365 Days abuse-free. This government wants to make to restore peace and harmony in family environments while making South Africa a safe and country for women, children and their families.

The Department of Health invites the media to participate in the event on:

Date: 07 December 2007
Time: 09:00
Venue: Hafuleni Sports Grounds

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