

**EThekwini Municipality
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Head of Community Participation in EThekwini Municipality:

We write to you on behalf of thousand women and children in the country who face abuse every day. We are concerned about the ongoing abuse taking place in this country and your silence in this matter.

We write to you with a hope that you will at least attend to us in these following demands:

- The safety of old women who are being raped everyday eg: to be kept in the old age home where they could be safe.
- Evictions with an alternative accommodation because the women becomes homeless after being evicted, and not given an alternative accommodation.
- To take further step on drug addicts to be kept in a rehab because they abusing their mothers, physically and emotionally. It could be better if they could be kept in a place where they could not just heal the addict but also develop some skills to better themselves when they are discharged from the rehab.
- We demand job opportunities to women, old and young because this age restriction is so challenging the poverty is caused by unemployment then its easy for the women to be infected with HIV/AIDS
- We demand a better way of RDP houses registration; because if we stay together with our partners sometimes they run away while the house is on his name then the mother and children become homeless while the father is staying with a new lover in a house.
- We also got a challenge of women empowerment where they want the people who had registered their companies under the department of labour.
- We don't like our children to have sex at an early age of 12-16 because we encourage them to keep their virginity and abstain from sex. Therefore we demand that condoms be not placed in schools but in clinic. Our children went to school to learn not to have sex, this encourages the teenage sex.
- We demand land for food security so we can be able to sustain ourselves and reduce poverty.

We therefore request that you respond to our letter soon.

Kind Regards,

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