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THE COMMISSION OF GENDER EQUALITY (CGE) JOINS DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROFESSOR HLENGIWE MKHIZE TO ENGAGE WITH TVET COLLEGES ON GBVF

The Commission of Gender Equality (CGE) is attending the gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) Assembly on 21 February 2020 to engage the TVET college students and university staff on ways to address in the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) system. This event will be attended by Deputy Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities Professor Hlengiwe Mkhize and Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation Mr Buti Manamela, Commissioner Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale together with HIGHER HEALTH (formerly HEADS).

As part of the ongoing work of CGE, on 12 – 13 November 2019, as part of its Constitutional mandate of the CGE, we held investigative hearings into gender transformation on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges where issues of GBVF were also discussed. At those hearings, certain inadequacies were apparent, some of which were but not limited to policy, operations and services related.

It is important to ensure that those who are in the periphery of society based on certain vulnerabilities such as extremes of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, poverty, migration, various abilities and thus all solutions must be informed by a literal consideration and inclusivity of such individuals.

Institutions of Higher Learning are important spaces where many young people are transitioning from childhood into adulthood and some of the conditions which keep



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them from thriving are violence, drug use and abuse, homophobia, anti-blackness, misogyny and academic exclusion due to a lack of financial support.

The view of CGE is that structural fault lines must be systematically fixed and today's meeting is an important step amongst many steps necessary to end GBV.

We as CGE will continue with our mandate to promote, protect, advance and develop gender equality.

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