



MEDIA STATEMENT

EFF STATEMENT ON 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

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Today, the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) joins the international community in marking the 16 days of activism against the abuse of women and children. In South Africa, gender-based violence (GBV) is a more widespread problem and the vulnerability of women is even worse as men have declared a war against women. Women still live under a dark cloud of fear, abuse, economic and social exclusion.

To increase awareness and advocate for the elimination of violence against women, the EFF calls on all the citizens of our country to defy and reject inflicting pain and misery on those who cannot defend themselves. At the centre of this battle are state agencies which must assume an overarching responsibility to force accountability through justice, with practical and long term solutions that must form part of a moral revolution towards a just and violent free society.

In their current form, state agencies have no capacity or will to root out this pandemic. It is the police through their recklessness and incapacity, that defeat the ends of justice as they destroy critical evidence and at most humiliate and violate victims. Our courts continue to treat perpetrators with absolute rights while victims are revictimized and their courage destroyed through lengthy legal processes.

The EFF calls for a speedy implementation of the GBV Bills. We further call for the Government to allocate resources with the same vigour as it has on the COVID-19 pandemic. Violence against the most vulnerable cannot remain lip service, it demands resources and decisive action.

We lastly call upon survivors and victims of GBV to continue trusting the EFF to intervene on their behalf in accessing justice and to join hands as we continue the fight against those who have declared war against us.



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