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# “INVITATION TO A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION”

## PROGRAMME BACKGROUND:

Sonke Gender Justice (herein Sonke) in partnership with the University of Witwatersrand (herein Wits) are conducting a 3 year research project called Sonke CHANGE Trial. The Sonke CHANGE Trial seeks to test whether community intervention in Diepsloot can improve families and safety with the aim of reducing men's use of violence against women and children. These interventions led by a team from Sonke who are highly trained Community Mobilisers whose responsibility is to work with the community especially men and boys through hosting a series of locally based and organized interventions.

Due to the rise of violations and killings of women and children, particularly in Diepsloot, Sonke Gender Justice will be hosting a Community Dialogue. This will be in collaboration with Lawyers Against Abuse(LvA), South African Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (SANCA), South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG), Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC) Vuselela, Witkoppen Clinic, Shumbashaba, Africa Tikkun, Green Door, BEAR Foundation, Churches Forum, Liquor Forum, Dept of Social Development, and Guateng Dept of Communications.



## DIALOGUE OBJECTIVES:

- 1 Discuss opportunities and challenges to successfully mobilize social change and implement community based interventions.
- 2 To raise the national profile of male involvement in prevention of violence against women and children.
- 3 Explore how coordination mechanisms at national and provincial level can be strengthened.
- 4 Advocate for up-scaling and sustainability of programme interventions.

## DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- 1 Inform the National, Provincial and Local Government Departments and partners about the outcomes, challenges and opportunities of community based interventions to prevent violence against women and children to inform policy development and strengthen prevention mechanisms.
- 2 Strengthened collaboration between government institutions, civil society, private sector and development partners to prevent and respond to violence against women and children.

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“Working in partnership with the Diepsloot Stakeholders and Service Providers to mobilize and engage in finding possible solution to reduce, prevent and report GBV”

**ORGANISERS** Sonke Gender Justice & the Diepsloot Stakeholders Forum

**DATE** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**TIME** 09:30am – 14:00pm

**LOCATION** Diepsloot Recreational Park Ext 2

Participants: National Government Departments including: Department of Women, Social Development, Education, Health, Safety and Security, Justice and SAPS. Furthermore Development Partners, Civil society, (International) NGOs, Research institutions, Media partners and Private sector partners.

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