

## MAYOR THAMAGA PAYS CONDOLENCE VISIT TO BODIROA FAMILY FOLLOWING BRUTAL KILLING OF THEIR MOTHER, CONDEMNS GBVF

Her Worship, the Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality Cllr Maria Thamaga, has expressed her heartfelt condolences to the Bodiroa family at Dithalaneng Village, Ward 03 following a tragic death of Mme Tryphina Bodiroa. Mayor Thamaga has condemned in the strongest terms the acts of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) that continue to plague the municipality. Mme Tryphina's lifeless body was found in the street on Tuesday last week (August 20). It is alleged that the deceased was raped and killed on Monday night. The mother of six (6) with the youngest children aged one (1) and two (2) years was staying in a dilapidated RDP house. What saddens Mayor the most is that these evil acts occur when the nation commemorates Women's Month.

"Violence against women is violence against society. Abuse of women and children is abuse of society. Crime against women is a crime against society. The entire society must rise and fight the demon of gender based violence and femicide. Wathint abafazi wathint imbokodo. Re sola ka bogale ditiragalo tšeo di diragetšego ka Mankweng fao basadi ba bolailwego ba lahlelwa ka sethopeng sa dikolobe. Le tiragalo ya ko Dithabaneng Ward 03 fao mosadi dirilwego tša phaku a ba a bolawa. Re re bagonenelwa a ba sekišwe ba lahlelwe kgolegong. A meboya ya bona e robale ka khutšo. Ba tsebe gore re tla tšwela pele ka go lwantšha GBV and femicide".

Mayor Thamaga has urged police to speed up the investigation surrounding the brutal murder to ensure that perpetrators face the full might of the law. She further urged community members to refrain from taking law into their own hands but share any information that may assist police in making a swift arrest.



