

WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR COUNCILLOR SK MNUKWA DURING THE SITE ASSESSMENT VISIT TO THE MOUNT FRERE KWA- BHACA RESIDENTIAL FACILITY (MTSHAZI SAFE HOME) IN KWABHACA ON THE 17th MAY 2021.

Mphathi Nkgqubo,

Hon. Deputy Minister Hl Bogopane-Zulu

Madam Speaker,

Traditional Leaders present today,

Honourable Councillors,

Government Department Managers and Officials present,

Members of the Media,

Strategic Stakeholders and Forums,

Leaders of Religious Fraternity

Fellow Residents of Umzimvubu Municipality,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ndiyanibulisa ngegama le ntuthukho kunye negama leNkosi yethu uYesu Krestu, Amen.

Ladies and Gentlemen; it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here today. Umzimvubu Local Municipality values the vital role that Social Development plays in developing our communities, whilst also empowering ordinary citizens to take charge of their social inhabitants.

It also gives me great pleasure to be here today to assist in assessing the state of this vital safe home for the community of Mtshazi. This infrastructure ought to create an enabling environment for all residents in this village. I believe we all have a basic understanding of some of the key challenges we are facing in relation to crime statistics in our area.

Ladies and Gentlemen; this community-based project was initiated by women from the area in trying to respond to these community challenges affecting in the main; women and children as victims of crime and violence. Gender-Based Violence is a recurring scourge in our area and seemingly another glaring global pandemic on its own.

However this initiative is a government programme committed to intensify and accelerate efforts to achieve the elimination of all forms of violence against women and children. The ongoing violence in our area prompted the South African Government to investigate the root and underlying causes of Gender Based Violence, and further prompted a more focused response to mitigating violence against women and children.

Ladies and Gentlemen; without wasting any further time, please allow me to welcome you all and trust that we'll have a fruitful site inspection in aid of addressing all the challenges faced by the safe home.

I thank you...