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The GBVF Response Fund Commits R53 000 000 to 65 CBOs in phase 1 of the Request for Proposals (RFP2).

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The GBVF Response Fund is pleased to announce the commitment of R53, million to 65 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) as part of the Request for Proposal (RFP2) process, which was launched in October 2023.

This significant financial pledge underscores the GBVF Response Fund's unwavering commitment to combating Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, recognizing the pivotal role played by grassroots organizations in driving meaningful change to stop the scourge of gender-based violence.

" It is important to note that this is the first batch of CBOs we are supporting, we are in the process of adjudicating more CBOs and will announce the second batch" says Sazini Mojapelo CEO of the GBVF Response fund.

"For this phase we looked at supporting organisations that are dealing at the intersection of GBV focusing on children, people living with disabilities and the LGBT+. The allocation of funds to the selected 65 CBOs for this phase will empower them to implement targeted initiatives and programs aimed at addressing the complex challenges associated with Gender-Based Violence." Sazini Mojapelo, CEO

To ensure wider reach and representation across provinces, the Fund has announced another call for proposals open until the 9th of March 2024. Aligned to the Fund's steadfast commitment to transparency and accountability, a rigorous selection process will continue to identify a substantial number of qualifying CBOs with the greatest need for resources. The selection process for the CBOs ensures diverse regional representation, encompassing rural and peri-urban areas across all nine provinces.

The GBVF Response Fund acknowledges the significance of collaboration and welcomes continuous engagement with stakeholders committed to eradicating Gender-Based Violence and promoting gender equality. The anticipated far-reaching impact of this funding initiative is poised to foster positive change within communities and make a substantial contribution to the broader national agenda.

As the GBVF Response Fund advances its mission, updates including a complete list of selected CBOs will be shared on our website in due course, and updates will continue to be disseminated on our platforms to the public and relevant stakeholders.

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