



PRESS STATEMENT

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN WOMEN ON FARMS PROJECT'S RESPONSE

In recent weeks the attention of Women on Farms Project (WFP) was drawn to the high levels of violence and child abuse and murder experienced by the communities of Rawsonville and Worcester. WFP has on record various other cases that never made it to the media but are equally disturbing.

The data published by Stats SA indicates an increase in violent crimes and it would seem there is a decline in the numbers of reported rapes. The reality of a rape survivor or bereaved mother is that the trauma and fear does not dissipate with a decrease in official statistics.

Women and children in rural areas continue to fall victim to crimes of violence and the time has come for collective action to show resistance to crime and criminals. Communities and organizations must come together and state clearly and unequivocally that the violence must end.

WFP is hosting a planning meeting on [Tuesday July 10th at 12 noon at their office: c/o Bird and Molteno Streets, Stellenbosch](#) to plan a strategy. We invite all organizations, institutions and individuals who want to take action to end violence against women and children.

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