

ON SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2020, SOUTH AFRICA MARCHED AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE.

IN CAPE TOWN, PEOPLE GATHERED TO HONOUR THOSE KILLED AND RAPED. PROTESTORS WERE SHOT AT AND ARRESTED BY THE POLICE.

4 273 CASES OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WERE REPORTED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2018/2019. UNDER-REPORTING IS COMMON AND THE NUMBER IS LIKELY TO BE MUCH HIGHER.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE, 2020 - 2030

WITH LESS THAN ONE IN 10 REPORTED RAPE CASES RECEIVING A GUILTY VERDICT.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL STUDY, 2012

IN AUGUST LANGA FOR MEN AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS HELD A PEACEFUL MARCH TO THE LANGA POLICE STATION. THEY WANTED TO ADDRESS THE STATION'S ALLEGED DISMISSAL AND OBSTRUCTION OF GBV CASES.

KWANELE

MY BODY IS NOT YOUR CRIME SCENE

01:09 - BOIKETLO LOLITHA MOLOI

I was sleeping.
So, one of my cousins
came into my room... right?
Then after he got into my room
he started to touch me.

01:20 - ASHERE SIHLALI

He shouted at me asking why I was making noise?
Then he took out his belt.
I didn't understand. Even though
I was crying, I tried to keep myself quiet.
Because if I made a noise, he was
going to make me keep quiet again.
And he'd do that by beating me.

01:52 - BOIKETLO LOLITHA MOLOI

I so wish that
I never told my parents,
because of the way my grandmother insulted me,
asking me why I didn't fall pregnant,
from even one of those who raped me.

"You were supposed to get pregnant,
or have HIV, or get sick."
It hurts, you understand right?
And I wish we as women...
Even if someone says to you,
"If you ever tell anyone I will kill you" or something,
don't buy that.
Go and open up.
Even if he touched you on your thigh,
or brings his hands close to you,
because that is how it starts.
And I still have that thing
that all guys are the same.

03:15 - ASHERE SIHLALI

To men: When you see a
woman, can you just see your sister?
Can you just see your mother, you see?
And ask yourselves,
"How would you feel if that happened to you?"