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## **National Women's Day 2022- Press Release.**

In South Africa, August is declared a women's month and 9 August is celebrated as Women's Day. This year, we commemorate and celebrate the month under the theme "Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Resilience!" This theme calls for everyone to take tangible steps in responding to the challenges affecting the lives of women and girls, locally and across the globe.

Women's month provides an opportunity for everyone to celebrate and reflect on women's achievements, regardless of race, gender, language or nationality. It is also an opportunity to salute all women for their contributions to the struggle for a non-racial and non-sexist South Africa, as well as to address the problems they have faced in the struggle for freedom and the important role they continue to play in societies.

The month of August has been dedicated to women and addresses the issues that affect them. As such, CoRMSA believes that everyone must and should play a meaningful role in contributing to the eradication of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and women oppression, among others. Furthermore, society as a whole should be united in exposing perpetrators and not normalise all forms of GBV, injustices, women rights violations or discrimination.,

CoRMSA has learnt with great sadness through the media and other communication platforms of the horrific incidences of gender based violence and women rights violations that occurred in Krugersdorp and other parts of the country. CoRMSA strongly condemns these inhumane atrocities committed against women and girls of all nationalities and races in South Africa and across the globe. Gender-based violence is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. Therefore, we call upon all law enforcement agencies (SAPS and NPA) to hold the perpetrators of GBV accountable for the horrific crimes and women rights violations they have committed. The law must be practised and applied accordingly, regardless of one's nationality, race or ethnicity. Gender-based violence undermines the health and dignity of our women in society.

**“Wathint’ abafazi, wathint’ imbokodo.” - “You strike a Woman; you strike a Rock.”**

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