

Highlights

Weekly Highlights

22 June-31 June



MHPSS

Mpfareleni attended and spoke about Mental health and psychosocial support. In commemorating the World Refugee Day 2023, the Migration Sub-Unit within the Social Development Department in the City of Johannesburg has partnered with the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA), Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVSR) to host a workshop for the parents and learners of His Will Combined School in Midrand who are recognized refugees and asylum seekers. The workshop aimed at educating and building solidarity around the plight of refugees and asylum seekers. The World Refugee Day commemoration in the form of workshop will take place on the 22nd of June 2023.



Advocacy

In January 2022, South Africa signed into law legislation aimed at strengthening efforts to end gender-based violence. The 3 laws are namely the:

1. The Domestic Violence Amendment Act No. 14 of 2021
2. The Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act Amendment Act No. 13 of 2021 and
3. The Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Act No. 12 of 2021

To this end, CSVSR hosted a webinar on Thursday 29 June 2023 at 09h00 aimed at the general public and GBV service providers including organisations that provide victim support services, government departments such as SAPS, Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and others, as well as any GBV front line workers and institutions.

Advocacy

As the saying goes "Teamwork makes the dream work." The Advocacy team had a retreat in Cape Town. The goal of this retreat was to allow the team to spend time brainstorming. Through shared experiences, retreats help foster a sense of camaraderie, increase morale and ignite motivation within the team



Gender Desk

Liezelle presented at the launch of the "Intergenerational Peacebuilding among Women" report. Liezelle mentored one of the report's authors on Botswana and civil society intergenerational coalition-building.

