

1st for Women supports GBV Command Centre during coronavirus lockdown

1st for Women is providing support to the National Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Command Centre as calls triple during during the national lockdown implemented due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



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"The National GBV Command Centre is receiving triple the amount of calls from women who are trapped with their abusive partners at home during the national lockdown. This massive surge in requests for help is going to have a knock-on effect on the social workers who are manning the command centre, and it is imperative that we equip and enable them as best we can to continue the essential work they are doing at this time," says Robyn Farrell, CEO of 1st for Women Insurance.

1st for Women has donated headsets, hand sanitisers, masks, gloves and trauma debriefing services to all social workers and supervisors at the GBV Command Centre to reduce secondary traumatic stress and burnout.



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"The Department of Social Development and the Gender Based Violence Command Centre Management would like to express their sincere gratitude to 1st for Women for their great contribution towards the joint fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. It has gone a long way in ensuring that the GBV Command Centre working environment is conducive, healthy and safe for the employees," said Nomathemba Malvern, deputy director: VEP and GBV Command Centre manager.



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