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Health Deputy Minister Dhlomo to lead a march against illegal & unsafe abortions

Pretoria: The Deputy Minister of Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo will tomorrow (Thursday, 12 May), lead a march to raise awareness about illegal and backroom abortions as part of Sexual and Reproductive Health awareness.

Despite South Africa's liberal abortion law, illegal abortion clinics have mushroomed in South

Africa's cities, townships and towns since the advent of democracy. South Africa continues to face challenges with illegal, unsafe and self-induced abortions at a relatively high rate. This problem is exacerbated by advertisements through pamphlets and flyers on the street poles mostly in urban areas, which promises quick, cheap and safe abortions.

The Department of Health would like to remind the South Africans, especially girls and young women that safe and free termination of pregnancy services provided in compliance with Termination of Pregnancy Act are accessible at the designated publish health facilities across the country.

Deputy Minister Dhlomo will be joined by the Eastern Cape Health MEC Nomakhosazana Meth, as well as local leaders from local government and other stakeholders. The march will start at 7h30 from Mthata Taxi Rand, behind Circus Triangle Mall to Mthata Town Hall where anti-illegal abortion memorandum will be signed by government leaders, law enforcement agencies and civil society organisations.

Media is invited to attend the event as follows:

Date: Thursday, 12 May 2022
Time: 7h30 **-** 10h00
Venue: Mthata Town Hall**,** Leeds Rd, Norwood, Mthata,
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