

GBVF and Human Trafficking has been steadily increasing over the past 5 years but more so since Covid-19 Pandemic. The consequence of lockdown being major economic downturn, which resultantly impacted very negatively on Socio-Economic conditions plundering many into poverty making people vulnerable to the evils of Human Trafficking and GBVF and thus the statistics of these atrocities have spiked since. GBVF is South Africa's second Pandemic and in fact the rest of the world is not far off from this. Domestic Violence has especially increased during Covid-19 lockdown as frustration levels have maximised. Forced Labour and sex trafficking have increased as Traffickers thrive in situations like the world is experiencing with Covid-19 by preying on peoples vulnerabilities.

Latest Crime Stats. as reported on IOL on 20 August 2021:

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/crime-stats-virtually-crime-free-honeymoon-period-is-over-warns-bheki-cele-f5edf9e4-ebad-4d17-8cb9-71c38bba5821>

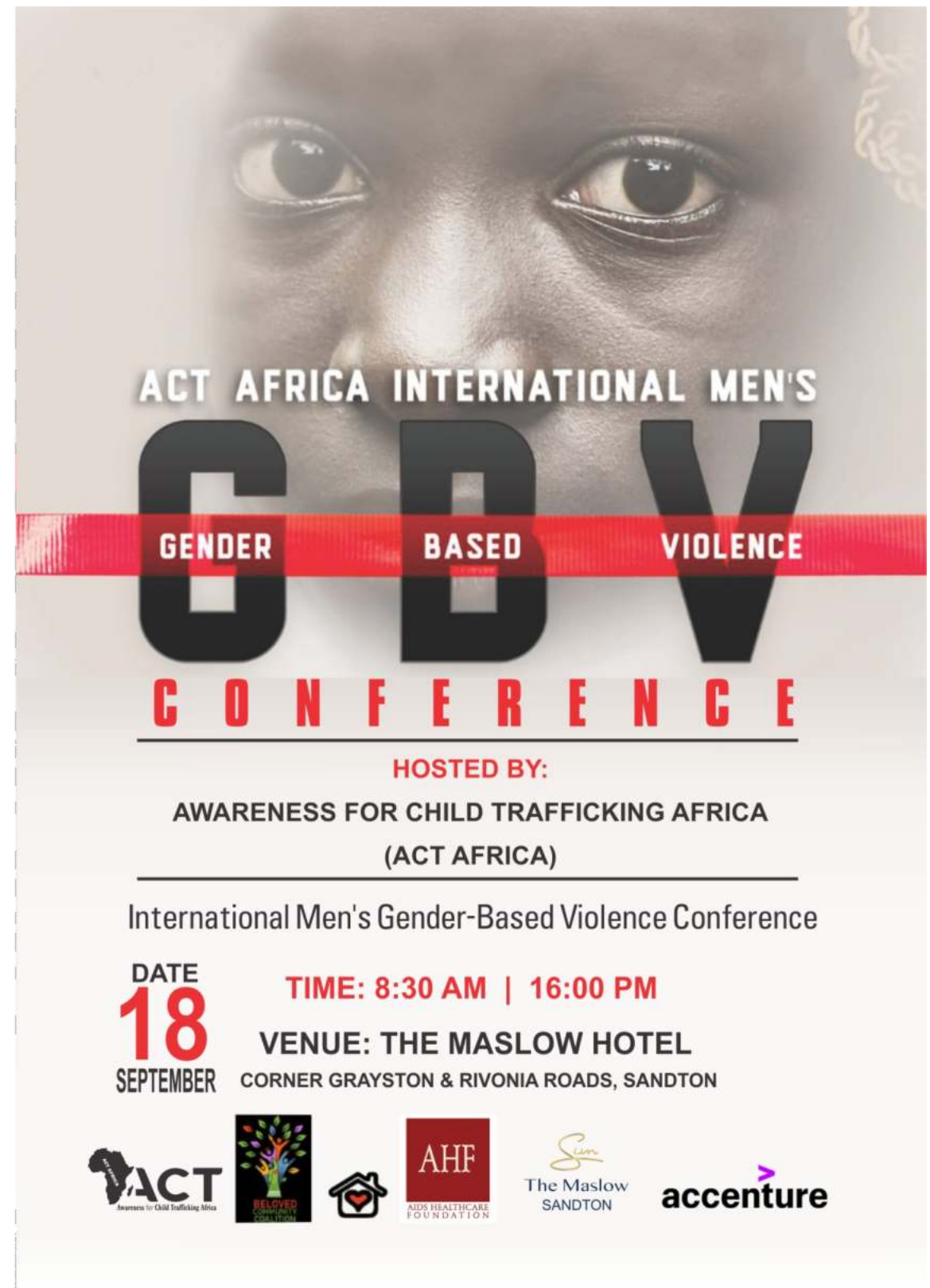
66.2% increase in murder. When compared with the same period prior in 2019, the murder rate would have increased by 6.7%.

As for rape, 10 006 cases of rape were registered April and June 2021. This is an increase of 4 201 cases, amounting to a 72.4% increase when compared to the same period in 2020. However, if compared to the same period in 2019, before the lockdown, the increase drops to 2.8%.

At least 10 006 people were raped between April and June 2021. This is an increase of 4 201 cases, amounting to a 72.4% increase, compared to the same time last year. A sample of 5 439 rape cases revealed that 3 766 of the rape incidents took place at the home of the victim or the home of the rapist.

Of the total figures, 487 rape cases were domestic violence related.

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GBV
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
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AWARENESS FOR CHILD TRAFFICKING AFRICA
(ACT AFRICA)

International Men's Gender-Based Violence Conference

DATE
18
SEPTEMBER

TIME: 8:30 AM | 16:00 PM

VENUE: THE MASLOW HOTEL
CORNER GRAYSTON & RIVONIA ROADS, SANDTON

PROGRAM

- 7h30 : Registration
- 08h30 : Arrival Snack (Tea/Coffee/Juice & Breakfast Snacks)
- 09h00: Welcome and Opening Message by Matthew Mensah – ACT Africa
- 09h10: Opening Prayer – Reverend Heidi Petersen - St Barnabas United Congregational Church of SA
- 09h20: Herman Smit – The Maslow Sandton -Stance as the first hotel in South Africa to partner with an NPO against GBVF and Human Trafficking
- 09h30: Tebogo Lerole- ACT Now – GBV, Social ills & Socio Economic Issues (Keynote)
- 09h40 : Stephanie Leong – ACT Africa – GBV Effects / Impact on Friends & Family
- 09h50: Tshepo Mokoena – MADA - Mental Health & Anger of our Young Men
- 10h00: Major General Masha– SAPS - Real Men Don't Make Women Cry
- 10h10: Craig Wilkinson – FAN – Harnessing the Power of True Masculinity
- 10h20: Entertainment – Bianca Le Grange
- 10h30: Mid-Morning Break (Tea/Coffee/Juice & Snacks)
- 10h45: Brigadier Makuoane – The HAWKS – Introduction LT Colonel Parmanand Jagwa -The HAWKS-The Role of SAPS in Addressing TIPS (Trafficking in Persons)
- 11h00: Cheryl Pillay – Come Back Mission – Substance Abuse & GBVF

Miatta Gray

Founder& Executive Director of Sister's Hand in Liberia. Human rights/women and girls advocate

Loretta Pope Kai

Chairperson of the National Civil Society Council of Liberia. Executive director of Foundation for Community Initiative

Advocate Tonny Sauls

Co-Founder of Beloved Community Coalition in SA (BeCoCo). Co-founder/Director of One Love Trust. Founder/Director of consulting firm The S-Trading (Pty)Ltd, trading as The S-Group. Legal Advisor to the Mochadie Group

Reverend Kelvin Sauls

Co-Founder of Beloved Community Coalition in SA (BeCoCo) and Black Alliance for Just Immigration in the US. A Senior Fellow in racial equity with the Atlantic Institute, he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Aids Healthcare Foundation. A trans-national, catalytic, intersectional and faith-rooted community organizer, Rev. Sauls, directs the Office of Interfaith Initiatives at Community Health Councils in Los Angeles.

Attorney Tumisang Katake

Managing Partner at Katake Attorneys. Co-Founder of Tshogofatso Pule Foundation

Revel Harris

MD of Modern Community Foundation. GBV & LGBTQIA + & Youth Activist.

Major General Masha

District Commissioner of Johannesburg (SAPS) Responsible for 41 police stations

LT Colonel Parmanand Jagwa

National Human Trafficking Co-Ordinator. Human Trafficking Serious Organized Crime Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) The HAWKS

Brigadier Rasekaka Makuoane

Section Head of Economic Protected Resources at Head Office - Human Trafficking Serious Organized Crime Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) The HAWKS

MEC Morakane Mosupye

Department of Social Development Gauteng

Judge Leogang Mdiba

National Prosecuting Authority High Court Judge at Gauteng Local Division
Member of the Special Tribunal (dealing with SIU civil cases)

Marcel Van Der Watt

Senior Research Analyst at NCOSE (National Center on Sexual Exploitation in USA)/ Case Consultant for National Freedom Network SA. 17 years of operational experience in combating complex crimes such as human trafficking, organized crime, and violence against women and children. Highly adept and proficient criminal investigator, crisis negotiator, expert witness and relational thinker with a passion for people, diversity, problem solving and social cohesion.

Professor Carla Hibbert-Latimer

ACT Africa Ambassador for USA. Lecturer at St Thomas University in Miami. Founder/CEO of CFCI Consultants - LLM in Human Rights

LT Colonel Liezel Van Der Merwe:

Economic Protected Resources: Human Trafficking Serious Organized Crime Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) The HAWKS

Cheryl Pillay

Founder/Chairperson of Come Back Mission. Chairperson of Gauteng Substance Abuse Council. Chairperson of Local Drug Action Committee in Eldorado Park

Professor Amy Joy

Founder/CEO of Human Trafficking Education Seminars in USA. Social Worker. Degree in Public Administration. She has spent the past decade helping survivors of sex trafficking, developing educational programs on childhood trauma, its impact on the developing person, and dissociative identity disorder. Is currently earning her Ph.D. in Psychology. Author of Human Trafficking 101: Stories, Stats, and Solutions. Is an adjunct professor and international speaker, Amy continues to fight for those adversely impacted by childhood trauma.

Paul Ukonu

Founder of 300 Project in Nigeria. 300 Project is the official wing of ACT Africa for West Africa. Founder of Yellow Shelter for female survivors of Human Trafficking. Professional Photographer

Ugochi Ihezue

MBA student at the Lagos Business School and a Fine and applied art graduate from the university of Benin. Miss MBGN (Nigeria) 2017& Miss World Top Model finalist 2017.

- 11h10: Workshop – Attendees attend workshop with organisation of choice
Organisations: NICDAM, SANCA, SADAG, FAN, MADA, THE HAWKS, COME BACK MISSION, DEPT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, NFN/ACT AFRICA
- 11h40: Feedback – Attendees to provide feedback on the Workshop
- 11h50: Revel Harris – GBV exists in same sex relationships
- 12h00: Attorney Tumisang Katanke – Tshegofatso Pule Foundation– GBVF Legal framework
- 2h10: MEC Morakane Mosupye – Department of Social Development Gauteng
- 12h20: Hilary Leong – ACT Africa - Choices
- 12h30: Lunch
- 13h20: Professor Amy Joy – Founder/CEO of Human Trafficking Education Seminars(USA)- Making Connections: Childhood Trauma & Human Trafficking
- 13h40: Paul Ukonu / Ugochi Ihezue – 300 Project – Where do we draw the line/Our Collective Responsibility
- 13h50: Marcel Van Der Watt (Keynote) – NCOSE (USA)/NFN (SA)-Sex Trafficking & Pornography: The Potential for Men as Changemakers
- 14h00: Entertainment: Biana Le Grange & The Disciples
- 14h15: Prof Carla Hibbert Latimer – ACT Africa USA Ambassador -Creative Advocacy:-Campaigns that make an impact
- 14h25: Miatta Gray – Sisters Hand Liberia- GBVF & Human Trafficking in Liberia

- 14h35: Judge Lebogang Modiba - (NPA) Gauteng Local Division High Court - Human Trafficking Perspective from The Bench
- 14h45: Afternoon Break - Tea/Coffee/Juice & Snacks
- 15h00: Panel Discussion and Q&A

Lieutenant Colonel Parmanand Jagwa, Matthew Mensah, Marcel Van Der Watt, Cheryl Pillay, Loretta Kai, Tshepo Mokoena, MEC Morakane Mosupye, Judge Lebogang Modiba
- 15h30: Solutions – Way forward – Attendees suggest solutions which will assist with breaking the cycles of GBVF and Human Trafficking
- 15h40: Hilary Leong – ACT Africa -Closing Message
- 15h45: Advocate Tonny Sauls – BeCoCo – Vote of Thanks
- 15h50: Pastor Kelvin Sauls – AHF – Closing Prayer and Message of Hope.
- 16h00: Conference End.

About our Speakers:

Matthew Mensah

Co-Founder/Deputy Chairperson/Spokesperson -ACT Africa. Ambassador of Tourism, Arts & Culture for Ghana. CEO of Re-branding Africa (Pty)Ltd. Public Relations Strategist & Involved in Humanitarian Campaigns in excess of 15years.

Craig Wilkinson

Founder of Father a Nation, 2019 GQ Humanitarian Award winner. Best selling SA Author, Inspirational Speaker, Dad Coach and Consultant to the Corporate Sector in Strategy and Human Resource Development.

Tshepo Mokoena:

Founder and Executive Chairman of MADA (Moving Ahead Development Agency). He is a Mentor and involved in mentoring boys through their Boys2Men career path and mentoring initiative.

Reverend Heidi Peterson

Residing Minister at St Barnabas United Congregational Church of SA and The United Ebenezer Congregational Church in Eldorado Park. Immediate past Chairperson of the Central Region of UCCSA. Vice Chairperson of the Church Unity Commission. Advocate for women and children's rights.

Herman Swart:

General Manager of The Maslow Sandton
Been in the hotel industry in excess of 25 years and prior to that served in the military for 6 years

Hilary Leong:

Co-Founder/Chairperson of ACT Africa. Co-founding Director at Rebranding Africa (Pty)Ltd Humanitarian/ Entrepreneur

Tebogo Lerole

Founder / Chairperson of ACT Now Men's Movement & Edward Billion Foundation. Musician, Philanthropist & Entrepreneur.