



Webinar

Empowering Adolescent Girls: A Letsema Approach to Ending Gender-Based Violence and Femicide while Advancing Their Health, Rights and Future.

Date: 26 August 2026

Time: 10h00 – 12h00



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TIME	AGENDA	PRESENTER
PROGRAM DIRECTOR: MS FENI MOTSHWANE-DD ISHP AND AYHP		
10:00-10:05	Welcome and housekeeping	Mr Solethu Tetyana: Knowledge Hub
10:05-10:10	Opening remarks and purpose of the webinar	Ms Sebotse Ngake: Director Child and Youth Health
10:10-10:30	Key note address: Empowering adolescent girls through collective action- A public Health Imperative	Dr. Nonhlanhla Ndlovu: DDG- HIV/AIDS, TB and MCWH
10:30-10:50	Understanding Gender-Based Violence among adolescent girls: Evidence, Risk factors and opportunities for prevention	Dr Ronel Sewpaul: Human Sciences Research Council
10:50-11:10	From Evidence to Action: Strengthening South Africa's Response to Adolescent Girls through the Adolescent Investment Case and GAMA Findings	Mr Thulani Mbatha: UNFPA South Africa
11:10-11:30	Preventing Gender-Based Violence and Femicide among Adolescent Girls: Evidence-Based Strategies for Collective Action	Ms Matete Rinky Modise- UNESCO
11:30-11:50	Ending violence in Health facilities: Advancing Dignity, Rights and Respectful Care for Women and Girls	Ms Julie Mentor: Embrace-The Movement for Mothers
11:50-12:00	Closing remarks and way forward	Ms Sebotse Ngake-Director: Child, Youth and School Health



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Ms Sebotse Ngake

Is a Director: Child, Youth & School Health and her responsibilities include to ensure that children, adolescents, and youth survive through enhancing the delivery of child, youth and school health services at community, primary health care and hospital levels.



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Dr. Nonhlanhla Ignatia Ndlovu

Is an accomplished public health leader and strategist with over 20 years of expertise in HIV, TB, and STI. Currently serves as the Deputy Director-General for HIV, AIDS, TB, and MCWH in South Africa.



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Dr Ronel Sewpaul

Is a Biostatistician and Chief Research Specialist in the Public Health, Societies and Belonging (PHSB) division of the Human Sciences Research Council in South Africa.



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Mr Thulani Mbatha

Is a public health and development leader with over 20 years of experience across Africa. He serves as Assistant Representative for UNFPA South Africa, providing strategic leadership across sexual and reproductive health, population and development and gender equality.



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Ms Matete Rinky Modise

Is a Public Health Practitioner, Psychosocial Support Specialist and Mental Health Advocate with over a decade of experience.



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Ms Julie Mentor

Is the Project Lead of Embrace, the Movement for Mothers. She is working towards an ambitious vision of making South Africa the best place to be a mother.



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