

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Sunnyside One-Stop Centre provides services for victims of gender-based violence

Pretoria - The Sunnyside One-Stop Centre provides services for victims of gender-based violence in the greater Sunnyside community on their premises at 456 Leyds Street, Sunnyside.

The Centre is a joint initiative between the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime and the Department of Social Development (DSD) and is funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security.

The Sunnyside Centre operates as a one-stop facility to provide a range of services to victims of gender-based violence.

The registered social workers at the Centre provide support and counselling to victims of gender-based violence and will organise support groups in order to empower victims, raise awareness on issues of gender-based violence in the community, for example through workshops, educational programmes, as well as sensitivity training for service providers such as health workers, the South African Police Service and the community.

The Centre further plans to provide crisis accommodation for a limited amount of time for victims of gender-based violence in the future.

UNODC and the centre staff would like to emphasise that domestic violence, one of the most common forms of gender-based violence, is not limited to physical violence or sexual abuse, but also includes economic control and psychological violence (e.g. threats of violence and physical harm, attacks against property or pets, emotional abuse, isolation and use of children as a means of control). Women, men and children of all ages may be victims of domestic violence and the perpetrator could be anyone from a spouse to a parent, child, sibling, a relative or caregiver.

**If you or someone you know is a victim of gender-based violence, do not hesitate to contact The Sunnyside One Stop Centre on 012 343 1019. The Centre is located at 456 Leyds Street, Sunnyside (next to the Sunnyside Police Station) and is open Monday to Friday, between 08h00 – 16h00.**

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