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Community organisations help women break free of abuse

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fter years of fearing for her life, a Free State woman escaped her abusive partner – thanks to the support she received from a community organisation.

"He was verbally abusive and said he would kill me," Dieketseng Manyokho recalls.

The 32-year-old mother from Thaba 'Nchu is one of many South African women who have endured gender-based violence (GBV) at the hands of the men they love.

Even though she knew she deserved better, Manyokho could not leave her boyfriend because she was jobless and financially dependent on him. "I had to tolerate all the pain and him crushing my spirit so that I could put food on the table."

With no one to turn to, she

stayed in the destructive relationship.

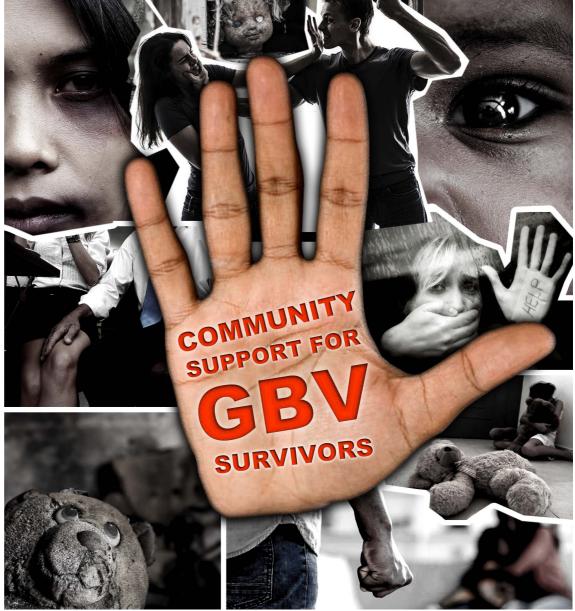
"I often wondered what would become of me because he always said he was going to kill me and that he had people watching my every move," she says.

In 2020, desperate to break free, she finally reached out to a non-governmental organisation (NGO), Batho Ba Lerato Advice Centre, for help.

"The centre was able to arrange counselling for me, help me a get a protection order and apply for child maintenance. They taught me how to be a woman who can stand on her own feet."

Manyokho believes the centre gave her a new lease on life and she is starting to feel like herself again after enduring three years of abuse.

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U BVA UNION BUILDINGS

Ri tea u dzhia vhukando zwino nahone rothe u fhelisa khakhathi dzi no itelwa vhafumakadzi

vha mathomo a tatisaho a Ńwedzi wa Vhafumakadzi. Ri khou dovha hafhu ra livhana na gole litswu nahone lo vhifhaho la lushaka lwashu.

Nwedzi wo fhelaho, tshigwada tsha vhanna na vhafumakadzi vhe vha vha vha tshi khou rekhoda vidio ya muzika kha munwe mugodi usa tsha shumaho tsini na Krugersdorp vho do thaselwa nga vhanna vho ditamaho he vha do tambudza vhafumakadzi vha malo khavho lwa vhudzekani nga guţe.

Zwiito hezwi zwi shushaho zwa u tambudza ndi zwiito zwi nyadzaho pfanelo dza vhafumakadzi na vhasidzana dza u dzula na u shuma fhethu hu re na mbofholowo na tsireledzo.

Musi vha kati na u toda vhahumbulelwa kha mulandu uyu, vha Tshumelo ya Mapholisa vha Afrika Tshipembe vha tea u dovha vha sedzesa lwa tshihadu kha mbilahelo dza tshitshavha tsha West Village, he tshiwo itshi tsha itea hone, vhane vha ri vha khou tshila vhe kha nyofho nga nthani ha mirado ya dzigennge yo diţamaho nga zwihali.

Vhathu vha no tambudza lwa vhudzekani a vha ngo ţanganedzwa kha tshitshavha tshashu. Ri khou itela khuwelelo zwitshavha uri zwi thusane na mapholisa u vhona uri zwigevhenga hezwi zwi farwe nahone zwi gwevhiwe. Zwitshavha zwashu zwi songo tenda u dzula na zwigevhenga vhukati hazwo.

Hu di dzulela uvha na munwe kha zwitshavha



zwashu ane a divha zwińwe, o pfaho zwińwe kana we a di tou zwi vhona zwińwe nga maţo. Thaidzo ndi ya uri vhunzhi hashu ri nanga u fhumula ngauri vhaiti vhazwo ndi vhangana vhashu, mufunwa kana mushumisani. Kana ravha ri khou tou ofha na u shavha u thaselwa. Ndi zwa ndeme u humbula uri u lunwa ndevhe hunwe na hunwe hune ha ţanganedzwa kha senthara ya u Thivhela Vhugevhenga kha SAPS hu dzhiiwa sa tshiphiri.

Ndi khou itela khuwelelo munwe na munwe ane avha na vhutanzi nga ha vhugevhenga uvhu a vhige kha vha maandalanga oteaho uri vhaiti vhazwo vha farwe.

Musi ro sedza u gonyelantha tshothe ha tshivhalo tsha iyi thaidzo kha lino shango, azwi tsha konadzea u thudzela kule vhudifhinduleli ha u vhiga milandu ya vhudzekani.

Uya nga mbetshelwa ntswa dza zwa mulayo wo no thomaho u shuma, hu u itela u tikedza

mvumbo yashu, rothe ri na vhudifhinduleli lwa mulayo ha u vhiga kha vha maandalanga oteaho musi ra divha, ra vha na u tenda ho khwathaho kana u humbulela uri huna zwiito zwa u tambudza lwa vhudzekani zwo itwaho munwe muthu. Zwa zwino ndi mulandu usa vhiga zwiito zwenezwo zwa u tambudza lwa vhudzekani.

Hetshi ndi tshipida tsha munwe wa milayo miraru ye nda i saina mathomoni a uno nwaha ino khwathisa nndwa ya u lwa na khakhathi dzi no itelwa vhathu nga mbeu khathihi na u fha thikhedzo yo khwathaho na u tsireledza zwipondwa.

Kha zwinwe zwazwo, milayo iyo i tandavhudza Redzhisiţara ya Lushaka ya Vhaiti vha Milandu ya Vhudzekani, u khwathisa u thathuvha, khathihi na u engedza khethekanyo ntswa dza vhaiti vha milandu ya u tambudza lwa vhudzekani.

Ri mugwalani wa u ita milayo iyi uri i thome u shuma. Hezwi zwi katela u pfumbudzwa ha vhatshutshisi na vho madzhisiţarața, u netshedza ndaela nga ha beili kha vhaofisiri vhothe vha SAPS, khathihi na u nwalulula nga huswa mabambiri a u vulisela milandu u itela u katela milandu miswa yo itwaho.

Ri na fulufhelo uri vhukando hothe hovhu vhu mugwalani uri vha maandalanga a zwa mulayo na dzikhothe vha kone u todisisa khathihi na u gwevha milandu ya khakhathi dza u tambudzwa lwa mbeu nga ndila yo teaho.

Khakhathi dza u tambudzwa lwa mbeu na mabulayo a itelwaho vhafumakadzi na vhana ndi thaidzo khulusa kha tshitshavha tshashu.

Azwi ngo lingana uri vhaiti vha milandu heyi vha fariwe, u sengiswa, u wanwa mulandu vha gwevhiwa.

Ri tea u shuma rothe u lwa na vhaiti vha khakhathi dza u tambudzwa lwa mbeu kha zwitshavha zwashu, hu tshi katelwa na vhudifari ha vhathu

vha vhanna khathihi na maitele.

U fhelisa nndwa dza khakhathi dza u tambudzwa lwa mbeu zwi ţoda uri rothe sa vhathu ri shumisane.

Hezwi zwi katela u tutuwedza matshilele avhudi anga ha ndinganyelo ya mbeu kha zwitshavha zwashu, fhethu ha vhurereli hashu khathihi na mahayani ashu. Sa vhanna, ri tea u sumbedza usa ţanganedza zwa u sedzela fhasi vhathu nga mbeu, u sedzela nţha vhanna fhedzi khathihi na u tambudzwa nga mbeu nga zwine ra farisa zwone vhafunwa vhashu, vhashumisani, vho mme, dzikhaladzi na vhana vhashu vha vhasidzana.

Zwi sina ndavha uri ni nothe, madzangano, mabindu kana vhatholi, ri tea uvha tshipida tsha ndingedzo dza lushaka nga ndila dzothe dzine ra nga kona ngadzo, hu ngavha u dinekedzela nga zwanda hu dzulaho vhathu, u tikedza zwigwada zwa tshitshavha zwa u lwa na vhugevhenga kana u dzhenelela mabembela a u amba na vhagudiswa zwikoloni.

U fana na khakhathi dza u tambudza nga mbeu zwine zwavha thaidzo kha tshitshavha tshashu, ndi vhudifhinduleli ha tshitshavha tshothe u zwi fhelisa.

Ro no thoma, fhedzi sa zwine vhugevhenga vhu shushaho ha Krugersdorp ha ri humbudza, ri khou tea u ita zwinzhi nahone ri khou tea u shuma lwa tshihadu ri na ndivho.

Zwikhala zwa bazari kha vhaswa

Kgaogelo Letsebe

onia Malinga (23)
u bva Piet Retief
kha la Mpumalanga
uri u vha munwe wa vho
wanaho bazari u bva kha
Tshigwada tsha Shoprite
zwo ita uri vhumatshelo
hawe vhu vhe vhu no
khou fulufhedzisa uvha
havhudi.

Malinga o ţanganedza bazari u bva kha vhengele ilo la zwiliwa la Afrika Tshipembe nga nwaha wa 2018. O ita khumbelo ya bazari nga murahu ha musi a tshi fhedza ngudo dza sekondari tshikoloni tsha Hoërskool Piet Retief.

"Musi ndi tshi khou aluwa, ndo vha ndi tshi tama uvha dokotela, fhedzi nga murahu nda vho thoma u sengulusa nga ha maṅwe mabudo. Nda vhala nga ha zwa u renga

zwibveledzwa khathihi na ndangulo ya kutshimbidzele kwazwo he nda fhedza ndi tshi vho thoma u tsweyambilu. Ndi a humbula zwa uri ndo vha ndi tshi dzula nda ţalela maţiraka a tshi dzhena na ubva hune nda dzula hone nda divhudzisa uri ndi nnyi ano vhona uri vhudi na tshivhalo tsha thundu ndi zwo teaho nahone zwo swikiswa fhethu hoteaho he zwa laedzwa u iswa hone. Ndi hone he nda kona u wana zwine nda takalela zwone," u ralo Malinga.

Malinga o wana digirii ya BCom Honours kha zwa Ndangulo ya Kutshimbidzele kwa Zwibveledzwa ngei Yunivesithi ya Johannesburg he a thoma lwendo lwawe kha budo lawe na vha Shoprite sa mulanguli mupfumbudziwa kha senthara ya u

endedza zwibveledzwa nga ńwedzi wa Luhuhi 2021. Asi kale a tshi khou tou bva u aluswa uvha muţhaţhuvhi wa u vhuedzedza zwibveledzwa vhengeleni.

NYANGAREDZO

Uvha tshipida tsha
Tshigwada tsha Shoprite zwo tandavhudza
ndivho ya Malinga kha
ndowetshumo ya mavhengeleni. "Zwo ngudisa
zwinzhi nga ha ndaulo ya
u endedza zwibveledzwa
zwa dovha zwa nnyita uri
ndi ise phanda na u bveledzisa zwikili zwanga na
u kona u aluwa kha budo
langa," u ralo.

U Ita khumbelo

Khumbelo dza mbekanyamushumo ya bazari dza Tshigwada tsha Shoprite dzo katelaho zwothe dzo vula u itela nwaha wa 2023. Bazari dzi thoma kha R45 000 u

swika R70 000 nga nwaha, zwi tshi laedzwa nga zwine muthu a khou gudela zwone na uri u dzhena gudedzini lifhio.

I katela mbadelo dza u guda, bugu, vhudzulo ha nga ngomu gudedzini khathihi na thendelano ya u doya uvha shumela.

Thodea dza ndeme u dzhenela ndi uvha u mudzulapo wa Afrika Tshipembe, no fhedza murole wa maţiriki/gireidi 12 nahone usiho nţha ha minwaha ya 27 nga u aluwa.

Bazari dzi waniwa kha mabudo a tevhelaho nahone vhaiti vha khumbelo vha tea uvha vhe kha nwaha wo bulwaho wa u guda nga tshifhinga tsha musi vha tshi ita khumbelo yavho:

 Pharmacy (ńwaha wa u thoma, wa vhuvhili, wa vhuraru na wa vhuna)

- Retail business management (nwaha wa u thoma, wa vhuvhili na wa vhuraru)
- Accounting (nwaha wa vhuvhili, wa vhuraru na wa vhuna)
- E-commerce: u ola IU (nwaha wa vhuvhili na wa vhuraru)
- Food sciences (ńwaha wa vhuvhili, wa vhuraru na wa vhuna)
- Information technology (nwaha wa vhuvhili na wa vhuraru)
- Logistics na supply chain (nwaha wa vhuraru na wa vhuna).

Matshudeni o dinwalisaho are yunivesithi o konaho u swikisa 65% kana u fhira vha khou tutuwedzwa u ita khumbelo nga u dalela siatari la bazari kha www.Shopriteholdings.co.za kana vha rumele imeili kha bursary@shoprite.

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Owen Mngadi

uccessful entrepreneur Siyanda Mthethwa (36) has responded to the escalating fuel costs that are crippling small, rural businesses and households in Eshowe, KwaZulu-Natal, by launching an online grocery business.

Established in 2020, Kuloola, which is derived from the Zulu word Kulula ('it's easy'), delivers groceries to the doorsteps of rural homes and spaza shops in Eshowe.

Kuloola operates through WhatsApp, SMS, Please Call Me and online. Grocery orders are packed and delivered by local third-party delivery agents within 24 hours, at a fee of R40, which is up to three times less than what customers typically pay for transport.

According to Mthethwa,

Online grocery delivery service takes Eshowe by storm sion. Mthethwa earmarking the Empangeni, to



villagers had to travel more than 40km to town. Rural spaza shop owners, including his grandmother, were hard hit by the rising fuel costs as they stock twice a week.

In 2019, he bought a bakkie and started operating. His customer base increased, which prompted him to formalise it and seek funding.

"I received private funding of R1 million, which helped me to get three delivery vans and a small warehouse where we operate our call centre in Eshowe. The call centre is a critical component of our business because people do not have internet access here and they do not have airtime in most cases. They can simply send a 'Please Call Me' and we will respond," he says.

Kuloola has since added seven vans to its fleet and now employs 22 permanent employees. Mthethwa provides delivery services to over 2 000 customers each month, the majority of whom are owners of spaza shops.

Young people with smartphones also have opportunities to work as ambassadors to recruit customers from their villages and earn commission. Mthethwa says he is earmarking the next town, Empangeni, to offer the same services.

He says he has partnered with supermarkets that prepare orders instead of using his warehouse.

"After the July 2021 looting and persistent fuel hikes, the demand for our services has increased. There is now a demand for other items like appliances that we need to take into account," he says.

Mthethwa's plan is to grow the business across the province as a solution to escalating fuel costs. He also plans to add longdistance services from the city to rural areas.

For more information about Kuloola, visit www.kuloola.com.