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- Gun Free South Africa (GFSA) will be taking an active role in events to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Abuse of Women and Children that begins on Sunday the 25th November and ends on Monday the 10th December.
- GFSA believes that action on violence against women is vital in South Africa, a country where one woman is killed by her intimate partner every six hours.
- Guns play a major role in domestic abuse: a gun in the home increases the risk of a household member being killed by 41% and one in three women killed by their husbands is shot. Getting rid of guns in South Africa would significantly reduce levels of abuse of women and children.
- GFSA offices will be holding a number of events to raise awareness of the issues:

CAPE TOWN

26 – 28th November GFSA will be holding a training course on gun crime and gender-based violence for non-government organisations and community based organisations, sponsored by the National Prosecutions Association (NPA)

12th December GFSA will be holding a candlelit vigil with the NPA and the Community Policing Forum in the Nyanga district to celebrate a peaceful and joyful festive season in the absence of violence against women and children.

KWA ZULU NATAL

29th November GFSA will be holding an information sharing session on gender-based violence and firearms in Mpophomeni for community based organisations dealing with domestic violence.

- GFSA offices will also be participating in Men's Marches Against Violence in Kwa Zulul Natal (23 November) and in Cape Town (25th November)

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Gun Free South Africa is non-government organisation campaigning for a safe and secure society, free from the fear of gun crime, through reduced use of and increased control of firearms in South Africa and the Southern African region. Our vision for South Africa is a society with no need for guns.

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