

Media statement

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Need to protect our children couldn't be greater than this Child Protection Week – DENOSA

Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (DENOSA) would like to complement the Department of Social Development's announcement of its plan to dispatch 10 000 caregivers to communities to mark the Child Protection Week and calls for law to be more protective of children.

While children are the most vulnerable, the rate of abuse against children in the country is at a level that is not tolerable. The release of criminals on parole is also tends to treat both adults and children equally, despite the children being one of the most vulnerable groups.

The announcement by Minister of Social Development, Bathabile Dlamini, of the 10 000 caregivers that will be trained and sent to communities is a step in the right direction and need the full support from communities.

We hope that these caregivers will also be sent in large numbers to our rural communities, which are often situated in areas where police stations are far from communities, and often in towns only, which tend to be the breeding ground for many acts of criminality against children.

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