

WOMEN'S MONTH

AUGUST 2020

Every year, in August, our country marks Women's Month, when we pay tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women.

This year's commemoration will be held under the theme: "**Generation Equality: Realising women's rights for an equal future**". It also comes at a time when the country is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 lockdown has witnessed an increase in domestic violence and abuse, leaving women vulnerable and in danger. The impact of the pandemic on society has the potential to reverse progress we have made on women empowerment and eradicating poverty.

As the country works towards overcoming the social and economic fallout of COVID-19, government has put in place a comprehensive package of interventions to mitigate the expected impact of COVID-19. It includes measures to support and protect women in our society during these challenging times.

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