

# Empower women daily

It's August, Women's Month in South Africa.

This is when issues of women empowerment are put on top of the developmental agenda, again.

Women must take charge and control their destiny.

The month celebrates and appreciates the strength, role, resilience and contribution of women in society and the country's democracy.

This special day is dedicated to paying tribute to the 1956 women who marched to the Union Building in protest against

the oppressive apartheid-era pass laws.

Every year at this time we celebrate women with wonderful themes, but do we reflect on how much has been done in empowering and improving the status of women in society?

This year's commemoration is held under the theme: The year of Charlotte Manna Maseke: Realising Women's Rights.

Ensuring and protecting the rights for all has been a constant struggle for government and our social partners, as we battle the devastating Covid-19 pandemic.

This must be a time of taking stock of what has been done to achieve the set targets and also to reflect on the challenges and come up with new solutions to push women development and emancipation forward.

Women are the pillars that hold households and communities together. They are basically the glue that holds the moral fibre of society and must be supported at all costs.

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