

years - GBV survivors, women in communities and in ZaZi (Know Yourself) Women's Clubs, who are economically vulnerable. The secondary target group through structured and selected interventions are men aged 18 to 35+ years, who are economically vulnerable in communities, and within Brothers for Life (BfL) Clubs. Key interventions in the program are geared to:

- a. help women and men access opportunities that meet their entrepreneurship and employability needs through training and building their capacity;
- b. advise those with small businesses on how to grow and market their enterprise;
- c. advise the primary and secondary target groups on how to access grants, micro-finance and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- d. facilitate improved access to government and private sector procurement, employability, employment opportunities; and
- e. assist women and men to access housing, land and financial resources.

4. CCI prioritises support on the implementation of the Maintenance Act 99 of 1998, and how women can get fathers to take financial responsibility for their children. The program's Legal Officer and relevant members within the Pathways to Justice Technical Working Group such as National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development officials, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), paralegals that offer litigation, policy advocacy and legal support; will collectively educate, advise and support on the Act and its effective implementation.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Support the Masiphephe Network's Women's Economic Empowerment Program. Government, agencies, the Private Sector, media organisations and individuals are invited to:

Provide the following to the women identified by the MN project directly:

- improved employability and entrepreneurship;
- grants, micro-finance, funding and loan opportunities for women in business and those in need of start-up capital;
- Support on a wide range of entrepreneurship and employability needs and opportunities such as access to affordable raw materials and/or inputs and mentorship;
- access to markets within their districts, provinces, nationally and beyond the South African borders; for affordable commodities, clientele and/or markets for lucrative business ventures.
- advice on how existing small businesses can market and grow their businesses.


OR offer direct funding to the Masiphephe Network, so that the network can continue supporting women in various economic empowerment ventures; as well as developing their skills to become less vulnerable.

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## Centre for Community Impact (CCI)

A registered South African non-profit organisation that works to improve the health and well-being of all South Africans.

### The Masiphephe Network

CCI implements the Masiphephe Network (MN) program with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); to oversee the co-ordination of the network as the secretariat. MN's objectives are to ensure an effective and efficient response to gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) at the local level, and to develop ways to prevent it; within the framework of the National Strategic Plan on Gender Based Violence and Femicide (2020 – 2030). The program is implemented at 6 pilot sites in Gauteng,

Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Provinces, chosen because of their high GBVF-prevalence rates. Interventions are informed by research and evidence from the lived experiences of women in the program, aged 18 to 35+ years.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

JULY 2018 – JUNE 2024

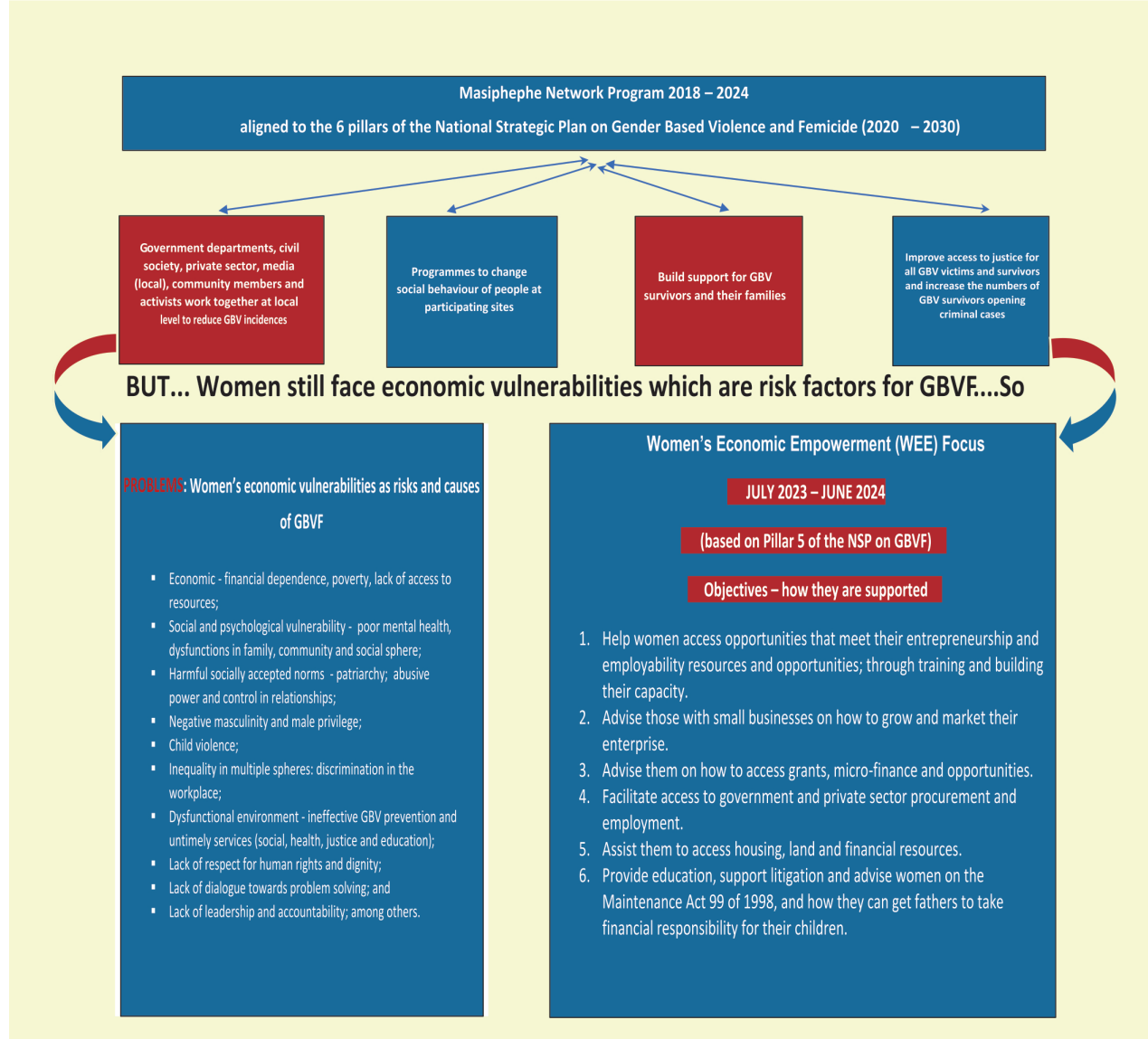
By June 2023, the MN project had successfully shown how local collaboration can be strengthened to improve GBVF prevention and response: The program:

1. Brought together all government departments, civil society organisations, private sector, media organisations and community members - that deal with GBVF at a local level, to develop and implement interventions to reduce incidences of GBVF.
2. Changed social behaviour amongst some people at the project sites.  

“I’ve stopped treating women as objects...I am now able to speak out against such behaviour.” A participant at one of the activities at the project sites.
3. Built support for GBVF survivors and their families.  

“The Masiphephe Network helped me and others like me, to know who they are and live life the way they want to.” Phumla Sibanyoni, a lesbian and GBV survivor.
4. Improved access to justice for all GBVF victims and survivors; and increased the numbers of GBV survivors opening criminal cases.

“It helped me to better understand how to treat victims and their families and handle the crime scene better.” South African Police Service (SAPS) officer who attended training at one of the project sites in KZN.



Many GBV survivors and young women involved in the project are unemployed or have started small businesses that are struggling. They are economically vulnerable which increases the risk of them developing dependence on an abusive male partner, and of being subjected to GBV in abusive households.

### JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024 SPECIFIC FOCUS

1. Economic Power Technical Working Groups have been established at all 6 project sites, with direct

oversight by CCI - These dedicated platforms at all the 6 project sites, will ensure dedicated focus on facilitating government, business, civil society and local media multi-stakeholder accountability to promoting economic empowerment for women and men.

2. MN partners continue to carry out the existing program at the local level - through ongoing coordination support of GBV Forums and the Pathways to Justice Technical Working groups.
3. The primary target group for the Women’s Economic Empowerment Program are women aged 18 to 35+