

MOQHAKA EXPERIENCES RISE IN ABORTIONS

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Dead babies dump ... Moqhaka Local Municipality have removed foetuses dumped at sewages and water drains

Incidents of teenage pregnancy and dumping of babies have skyrocketed in Maokeng, Kroonstad. Officials of Moqhaka Local Municipality have removed several foetuses dumped at sewages and water drains. The Moqhaka Local Municipality spokesperson, Mandisa Titi, confirmed that sanitation workers have been discovering a lot of foetuses in recent months.

According to Titi, one of the workers, Seleke Tladi, found a foetus after responding to a call to unblock a sewage system last week Friday.

“A shocked and angry Mr Enslin Seleke Tladi; a general cleaner employed by the Moqhaka Municipality’s technical department who is entrusted with the upkeep of the Smith Sewerage Pump Station, poured his heart out about the trauma and disgust he feels about the repeated discovery of foetuses in the Moqhaka’s sewerage system.”

Titi said the dumping of foetuses affects the health and wellbeing of residents and municipal workers. “The question which should haunt all of us is the source of frustration for the municipality is that most people are in denial about the fact that residents deposit all kinds of objects into the sewer system, causing perpetual blockages. One wonders how much more moral degradation and decay are we to live through before we realise that we are fast becoming an inhumane society?”

An unsuspecting Tladi was shocked to come across, a fully developed male foetus, which pathological forensic officials estimate to four or five months old. Given the time of discovery, Tladi suspects the culprit must have flushed the foetus down the toilet in the middle of the night, a few hours earlier.

The Smith Sewerage Pump Station services all the waste from an area in Maokeng known as Koekoe Village, also nicknamed ‘Snake Park’. The Fezile Dabi District Municipality has also revealed plans to construct a huge Sewage plant.

Tladi has sent out a plea to expectant mothers to desist from dumping their unborn children and rather give them away for adoption. Last week’s foetus discovery was the sixth in the last six months. “Why do our people do such a cruel thing? The trauma I suffer becomes so unbearable that I can hardly eat or sleep. I get continuous nightmares. Let us restore order and good old fashioned discipline in our homes, making sure to establish home rules to be observed by our children.

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"Let us be vigilant in checking on the youth making sure they are held accountable for their movements. This fashion of being modern and condoning premature sex in our children is not helping. Fathers must guide their sons so that they do not go about impregnating girls, otherwise they must take responsibility for the consequences," he advised

He called on girls to use contraceptives. "Girls must exercise proper pregnancy prevention mechanisms if they choose to be sexually active before getting married. In the unfortunate event of pregnancy through rape, please report the matter to the police and request a safe and legal abortion. If all else fails, one can give the innocent child up for adoption. There is absolutely no justification for this horrendous act," he stressed.

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