

Matabola joined the school in 2013 and said

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## YOUNG WOMEN **INSPIRE THEIR MATES**

Usually it is the elders who host workshops to motivate the youth; however, this time around it was the young women - the Rise Young Women's Club Kathorus branch - which hosted a Women's Day event at Faith Bible Church at Kwanele section in Katlehong.

The youth came in numbers and the church was filled to capacity. The theme of the event was "Reflect on what has been done; Refocus objectively - look at mistakes and Renew our commitment and develop new strategies." The young women started their day by marching to the police station to hand over a memorandum of grievances, which highlighted that they wanted police to take cases involving women and children seriously, such as abuse and rape. They also lit candles to commemorate the people who died during the Marikana incident. During the main event, various stakeholders - including **TIME'S** Kathorus Editor (Charity Moyo) - were guest speakers and motivated the

young women to stay focussed and take their education seriously.

Lebohang Mcira, chairperson of Rise Young Woman's Club Kathorus branch, said that, while celebrating Women's Day, they called on those who are HIV-positive, teenage mothers and victims of abuse to share their experiences. "We are reflecting what we have done so far as the club and renewing our commitments and communication with different stakeholders around the community. We are also refocussing on situations that matters are not taken seriously and bringing new strategies of empowering young women," said Mcira.

She said they are encouraging young women to take care of themselves and understand what it means to be a woman. "We call all young women to join our club and those who are faced with challenges are welcome to approach us, as we have a support group where we discuss issues and support one another," said Mcira.



**RESPONSIBLE WOMANHOOD:** The crowd that was present to support and celebrate Women's Day with the Rise Young Women's Club Kathorus branch