ACTIVISM AGAINST VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA – I AM NOT A MISTAKE FOUNDATION (PTY) LTD

South Africa strikes many observers as a Country riven by excessive and widespread violence.

No security measures can protect human beings against violence from people with whom they are intimate and familiar.

This high rate of sexual violence may be correlated with gender inequality as a consequence of the failure to empower women more comprehensively by rooting out the maternal traces which linger in many contexts under the disguise of "cultural tradition", as well as the widespread socialisation of boys into rituals and repertoires of violent masculinity.

Levels of public violence also remain disconcertingly - even if, given the country's colonial and apartheid history, explicably - high. The rituals of violent protest against the apartheid state have not been fully exorcised from communities and their engagement with the current government, especially when displeased with officials' performance. Which we are subjected to daily!

This presence of violence, from the most personal spaces inside homes and families, to the public spaces across communities, and across divisions of 'race', class and location, speak of deep fractures in the South African political and social landscape.

South Africa is the most unequal society in the world. While the worsening inequality cannot be said to cause the violence, it cannot be ignored as a contributing factor. Also, given the failures in education, social cohesion is a real challenge as people cling to irrational and easily disproven beliefs about others in the face of scientific evidence they cannot comprehend.

WE NEED PRIORITZE OUR FOCUS AND ENERGY ON PREVENTING FURTHER VIOLENCE! YOUR VOICE DOES COUNT! IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THIS CAUSE.

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