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Dear Hm,

The Eastern Cape Woments Coalition held a workshop which discussed, amongst other items, women's demands in the area of health.

They identified the following demands under health:

1. Decent housing with proper sanitation, water and electricity.
2. Controls placed on industry to prevent pollution of the environment.
3. Free and accessible comprehensive health care for all.
4. The formation of a national health service paid for by contributions of the employed on an earnings basis with the redistribution of health services according to population density and community requirements. Special emphasis to be placed on addressing the imbalances between rural and urban areas.
5. Provision for safe and legal abortion by personal decision of each woman.
6. Free counselling and education on contraception, fertility and post-menopausal health conditions, the banning of depo-provera and all other drugs that have been disused by first world countries, free counselling for rape victims, and the establishment of centres for battered wives and children.
7. Sex education for all children from primary school level, covering not only contraception but placing special emphasis on sexually transmitted diseases especially AIDS.

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8. HIV screening during ante-natal care, with the consent of the patient, and free HIV screening on request available for everybody.

9. The re-establishment of community nursing and educators on primary health care especially in rural communities.

10. Primary preventative health care should be made available to all communities.

11. Education for and training of women in health services should be provided so women can advance within the service.

Please forward to your relevant policy people.

Thanking you.

Yours in the struggle.

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