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Celebrating the World Population Day and Launch of the Departmental website as part of reducing maternal mortality amongst teens.

The 11th of July is annually celebrated as the World Population Day. The aim of the celebration is to raise awareness on various population issues such as importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights. The theme for this year's celebration is "**Reducing Maternal Mortality in Teenage Pregnancy**"

Maternal health is vital during pregnancy, as the survival of the baby depends on it. The United Nations has rallied governments around the World to reduce Maternal and Child Mortality by setting targets in its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for 2015. Maternal health is key not only for the survival of the unborn baby, but also for the survival of the mother and therefore the family.

The Department of Social Development led by MEC Nomsa Mtsweni will highlight the above and more issues related to topic and the departmental website as part of celebrating the World Population Day in an event scheduled as follows:

Date:11 July 2013, FridayVenue:Kwaggafontein C, community hall.Time:09h00

Members of the media are invited to the event.

End.

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