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LIASA STATEMENT ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

LIASA notes with sadness the death of librarian, Clodine Nuys in Groot Brak Rivier during this week; another victim of the endless violence directed at women and children in South Africa.

As a largely female-prevalent profession, we are more vulnerable to this scourge of violence and death meted out in our society. Libraries are integral to the communities that we serve and as such we cannot be divorced from the ills that occur there. Libraries will continue to create safe spaces that contribute to the well-being of vulnerable persons. LIASA calls on our libraries to partner with the organizations that raise awareness about gender-based violence; and on Librarians to continue to create safe spaces in the communities that they serve and to raise the profile of these issues that are tearing apart our communities.

LIASA expresses its outrage at the senseless death of our colleague and calls on all in the LIS community to make their voices heard against this act of violence. LIASA sends condolences to the family of Clodine and calls on all South Africans to support the fight against all forms of violence directed at women and all forms of abuse.

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