

THE Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) in Western Province has called on Government to consider sponsoring a boarding facility for girls at Kambule Secondary School.

YWCA provincial coordinator Sibusiso Maputa said this is to accommodate more girls from distant places.

Ms Maputa said Government could seriously look into the issue as most of the girls who come from rural areas have had to rent houses in nearby villages.

"Because of the freedom they have away from their parents, they become prey to unprincipled people who take advantage of their vulnerability," Ms Maputa said.

Ms Maputa said the issue is battling with child marriages, which can claim lives unchecked.

"It will be failures as leaders fail to produce successful women and men to use with the same works we turned," she said.

In the meanwhile, Ms Maputa urged Government for its interest in promoting women and for its efforts in ensuring the well-being of women.

Ms Maputa said this has been demonstrated through the implementation of policies and programmes such as the 2015 Gender Policy, National Gender Bill, National Gender Strategy and the Seventh National Development Plan.

Ms Maputa thanked Government for its support in the province. This will help to effectively dispose of the issue," she said.

been disbursed to two groups that consist of 25 members to empower the women and help improve their livelihoods.

Mr Chibanda said the programme is focused on village savings and entrepreneurship aimed at empowering vulnerable

own funds from the resources provided.

Mr Chibanda said the organisation is targeting to train about 500 women in the district in various entrepreneurship skills in the next two years.

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He said the organisation will embark on a project aimed at equipping vulnerable youths with various skills through training programmes.

"We have a partner right now who is trying to raise some funds to put up a skills training

"The four-day training was first on the SILC on how it is run then secondly they were trained in business management, which is entrepreneurship on how you can start a business without money," Ms Lukonga said.

this issue next month, we call upon leaders to make this a global priority and to dedicate the political prioritisation and financing to ensure every healthcare facility everywhere has access to these essentials to good care," Ms Hamilton said.



**PROFESSOR Sichelwe Kasanda (right) decorating Beatrice Machaka-Botha when she was conferred with a doctorate in linguistic science at the 6th graduation ceremony of the University of Africa recently. Dr Machaka-Botha's area of focus in her study was on evaluation of the bilingual policy in Zambia.**

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