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Young man stands up for girls

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An education student at North-West University has recently established an initiative called Stand Up For Girls.

Tsholofelo Ngwexane, who hails from Ext. 7 in Ikageng, says his project is aimed at distributing sanitary towels to schools, disadvantaged communities and child-headed families, in particular. He is targetting all the extensions, Ikageng, Sarafina, Promosa, Mohadin and Kanana.

'I would like the broader community to join hands with us and donate sanitary products that will be distributed to the girls,' he pleaded.

He says that, according to research, about 7 million girls worldwide miss school every month simply because they cannot afford sanitary towels.

'The project is starting off in Ikageng, mainly in the extensions and, as it develops, I hope to satisfy the needs of all the girls in all Ikageng schools.'

To realise his dream of assisting young girls in need, Tsholofelo is working with Frans Maila, Coetzee Smith and Iven Mphuthi but, he says, he is willing to form a team of young people to make the project a success.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, in his State of the Nation Address, delivered an inspirational message, originally penned by Hugh Masekela in a song 'Thuma Mina' (Send Me). It stirs change and urges South Africans to stand up and lend a hand in fighting social ills and challenges and assisting with solutions. Tsholofelo has answered the clarion call and wants to assist the girl child.

Anyone who would like to assist this young man to stand up for the girls should contact him on 064 243 1156 or email Ngwexane1999@gmail.com. Alternatively, the community can reach his team members: Frans (071 232 9138), Coetzee (082 813 550) or Iven (062 407 7412).