

Stars to battle abusers

INDABA: *Out to raise funds for campaign*

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CHILD and woman abuse came under the spotlight during an indaba at the Sandton Convention Centre at the weekend.

"South Africa has the highest rape statistics in the world. This makes me sick," said Addi Lang, founder of Return to Roots Foundation, which is spearheading an abuse awareness campaign.

Lang has enlisted the help of various musicians who have pledged their support towards 16 days of activism against gender violence in November.

"Innovation and collaboration is the theme for the current fundraising initiative for the 16 Days of Activism Campaign - no violence to women, children and animals," said Lang.

Singers Mist-tree and Rob Rodell are heeding the call, and are donating a portion of their CD sales to the campaign.

"I am making a difference by contributing to a good cause," Mist-tree told indaba



'We want to educate society about caring for children, animals and the planet,' said Lang.

visitors.

Rodell said everyone had to take a stand, and do their bit to make SA a better and safer country.

Lang pointed out: "We also have a venture with Tigger, owner of the Cherry Melon clothing range for pregnant ladies. A portion of sales from the next summer range will be donated to the 16 days of activism."

The fundraising campaign will benefit four other organisations.

These are Hughs Haven (caring for street children in Yeoville), Race Against Extinction (an educational wildlife conservation programme, concerned with the breeding of tigers), Sebokeng Aids Orphans and Edenvale Community Centre.

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