

WORKING WOMEN

'The thing that made me leave was this. The dress I was sewing was R59, and I was earning a lower wage than that dress.' Mabel, a garment worker.



1 Liza Makalela at the launch of the FOSATU booklet 'Women Workers'. 2 A women at home in Soweto. 3 Garment workers. 4 A mother with her child who is being treated for gastro-enteritis at the Alexandra clinic.

'I would like to remind management that women are going to have children who will be tomorrow's workers. Management must contribute to that because they are paying low wages.' Liza Makalela, NAAWU administrator.

The photographs and comments on this page come from the book 'Working Women' which is about the lives of South Africa's black women workers. Women speak out about their problems at work and at home. They describe their struggles against the government, the bosses — and even their own husbands. 'Working Women' will be published by Sached and Ravan Press in May.

