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The Public Servants Association (PSA) on 7 July 2020 commemorates a century of service to public-sector employees, with a history of achievements that still benefits public servants in 2020.

On 7 July 1920 in Pretoria, a small group of pioneers, impacted by poor working conditions in the Public Service, grouped together, and laid the foundations of an organisation that now services more than 240 000 members. The Union's founding values of loyalty, transparency, respect, integrity, consistency, and service excellence still define its activities today.

The PSA, as a non-politically affiliated Union, has been able to without interference solely focus its efforts to improve public servants' conditions of service over decades, guarding their job security, benefits and pensions. The PSA has furthermore in recent times become an active custodian of public servants' occupational health and safety, with the COVID-19 pandemic underlining the crucial role the Union is playing in ensuring the wellbeing of especially frontline workers.

As the country continues the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, the PSA is at the frontline across the country to, amongst others, ensure that workers are provided with personal protective equipment and that employers comply with legislation and regulations.

The PSA furthermore has a legacy as a caring Union that has been assisting communities in need with school jerseys, mobile libraries and classrooms, food gardens and empowering support. In response to the severe hardship brought on by COVID-19, the PSA will during its centenary year focus all its corporate social responsibility efforts at alleviating hardship in communities across the country.

At the same time, the PSA remains determined to, in line with its pledge of service excellence, ensure the wellbeing of its members as the Union gears up to take on government in court regarding its failure to comply with the agreement to grant public servants salary increases with effect from 1 April 2020.

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