

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA reports poor working environment of Mpumalanga Social Development employees to Department of Labour**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is dismayed by the unsafe working conditions of employees at the Department of Social Development in Louisville, Mpumalanga.

The officials who are mostly Social Workers, Social Auxiliary Workers, Administrative staff and Cleaners, are performing their duties under conditions that do not meet requirements in terms of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Problems include open, unsafe electrical connections with live electrical wires hanging in a boardroom. Toilets are leaking, doors are broken, and offices are without ceilings. In addition, there is no air conditioning.

The PSA on 25 October 2019 wrote a letter to the Head of the Department of Social Development to report the situation. The Union, apart from receiving acknowledgement of receipt of its submission, has to date not received a response from the employer. This resulted in the PSA having no alternative but to report the unsafe working conditions to the Department of Labour for investigation.

The Department of Labour acknowledged the request and assured the PSA that the matter will be dealt with. The PSA will continue its efforts in pursuit of conducive working conditions for public-sector employees.

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