

**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **PSA appalled by state of affairs at Rahima Moosa Hospital**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 235 000 public-sector employees, is appalled by the state of affairs at the Rahima Moosa Hospital in Coronationville, Johannesburg where infrastructure and equipment is failing and contribute to an unsafe environment for patients and employees.

The PSA has noted reports that the Hospital is unsafe, dirty, and unhygienic. A health institution should be immaculate to ensure that medical procedures are executed without risk of further infections for patients and should not degrade human beings. This is not the case at Rahima Moosa Hospital. Reports show that expecting mothers are lying on the ground as the Hospital is not providing them with beds, and toilets are overflowing, with no steps being taken to rectify the matter. In addition, wards are left unattended. This situation is an indication that the institution's management is failing and the Chief Executive Officer, Dr Nozuko Mkabayi, should be held responsible.

The PSA calls on the Department of Health to implement the recommendations of the 2017 and 2023 report by the Health Ombudsman. These reports are blaming the CEO for the mismanagement of the Hospital. The PSA further expects the removal of Dr Mkabayi with immediate effect. The PSA also calls for intervention at all Gauteng Hospitals that are experiencing similar issues to prevent a collapse of the Province's health system. The PSA will engage with the Provincial Chief Inspector of the Department of Employment and Labour for urgent intervention.

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