

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	PSA calls for accountability and worker inclusion in District Development Model implementation in Northern Cape
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the renewed focus on the District Development Model (DDM), during the recent G20 Community Leaders Dialogue held in Roodepan, Sol Plaatje Municipality in the Northern Cape.

The engagement, led by Deputy Minister in the Presidency, highlighted the need for integrated planning and improved service delivery under the “*One District, One Plan*” approach. The PSA supports the Model’s intent to align local priorities with national and global goals, particularly those linked to job creation, infrastructure improvement, and access to essential services. The PSA, however, emphasizes that these goals must translate into measurable progress for workers and communities who continue to face poor service delivery, water shortages, and unemployment. The Union welcomes the R1 billion Presidential Housing Project, which includes new housing units in Diamond Park and Roodepan. These developments must, however, prioritise transparency, quality, and fair labour practices. Local workers should be given priority for employment and skills development opportunities during project implementation.

The PSA remains concerned about ongoing challenges identified during the dialogue, including, delays in housing allocation and title-deed finalisation, shortages of clean water and aging infrastructure, persistent electricity supply issues and high costs, inadequate healthcare services and medication shortages. These issues directly affect the working conditions and well-being of public servants and broader communities. The PSA calls on the Northern Cape Provincial Government and all municipalities in the Frances Baard District to ensure proper monitoring, accountability, and timely delivery of DDM projects. The Union further supports the Deputy Minister’s commitment to regular community feedback sessions. The PSA urges that organised labour be formally included in these structures to ensure that the voices of workers form part of planning, implementation, and oversight processes.

The PSA believes that the success of the DDM depends on practical coordination, ethical leadership, and community participation. True transformation will occur when government projects result in improved services, decent work, and restored public confidence. The PSA will continue to advocate for clean governance, fair employment, and responsive service delivery in the Northern Cape.

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