



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls for urgent intervention in Northern Cape water crisis**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is calling for urgent action to be taken to restore water to the town of Springbok, in the Namakwa District of the Northern Cape, which has been without water for six days.

This situation coincides with the opening of coastal schools and the threat of COVID-19 virus spreading. Sedibeng Water, which is responsible for the supply of water in the region, cannot provide a concrete date as to when the water supply will be restored. The provision of clean, running water is a fundamental Constitutional right, which is necessary to ensure a safe environment that is not harmful to the health or wellbeing of people and animals.

Certain government departments, including the Provincial Department of Education, have embarked on a work-from-home stance to mitigate the risks of Covid-19 transmission and other health-related risks owing to the inability to sanitise and properly clean facilities with warm water.

The PSA calls on all government departments in Springbok to follow suit and advises members to not enter premises that have not been cleaned or premises that cannot provide clean, running water for ablution facilities. The PSA further calls on the necessary officials to launch an investigation into the water crisis and provide emergency assistance to all those who are affected.

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