

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA commends <i>Cheka Impilo</i> campaign: Demands sustained healthcare delivery in Mpumalanga
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) commends the Mpumalanga Department of Health for continuing the *Cheka Impilo* door-to-door campaign, which brings essential healthcare services to communities.

On 4 September 2025, a team of health workers, led by the PHC Supervisor in Msukaligwa sub-district, delivered comprehensive primary healthcare services to residents of Lothair under the Msukaligwa Local Municipality. These efforts reflect the dedication of public servants in advancing community health and improving health outcomes.

The PSA emphasises that access to primary healthcare is a Constitutional right. Section 27 of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa* guarantees everyone the right to access healthcare services, including reproductive health care. Government also has an obligation under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to ensure the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health for all citizens. South Africa has reinforced this commitment through its National Development Plan (NDP) 2030, which calls for equitable access to quality healthcare, reduction of inequalities, and attainment of universal health coverage.

Whilst initiatives such as *Cheka Impilo* are commendable, they remain insufficient should they be temporary or under-resourced as communities cannot depend on sporadic campaigns. The Department of Health must guarantee sustainable, consistent primary healthcare delivery, fully supported by adequate staffing, medical supplies, and infrastructure. Persistent gaps in access undermine government's constitutional and international obligations and compromise the health and dignity of communities.

Frontline health workers face significant challenges, including high workloads, limited resources, and exposure to health risks, yet they continue to deliver essential services. The PSA calls on the Department of Health to provide sufficient support, fair working conditions, and protection for these public servants. Strengthening the workforce is essential to achieving NDP goals and fulfilling constitutional and international health obligations.

The PSA urges the Mpumalanga Government to institutionalise initiatives such as *Cheka Impilo*, implement comprehensive monitoring systems, and prioritise resource allocation to ensure universal access to healthcare. The PSA will continue to hold government accountable, support public servants, and advocate for equitable, high-quality healthcare services across Mpumalanga.

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