

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	PSA concerned about alleged R33 million debt and financial mismanagement at Odi District Hospital, Pretoria
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) notes with extreme concern reports of an escalating financial crisis at Odi District Hospital in Mabopane, in Pretoria, with the Hospital reportedly being burdened with debt of some R33 million.

This situation raises critical questions regarding financial management, accountability, and the sustainability of services provided to the community. The situation poses a direct threat to the delivery of essential healthcare services. Hospitals operate under immense pressure, and financial mismanagement or uncontrolled debt further compromises the ability of healthcare workers to perform their duties effectively and provide quality care to patients.

PSA members employed at the hospital have raised concerns that the outstanding debts may lead to shortages of medical supplies, delays in procurement processes, and increased strain on overburdened staff. Healthcare workers should not be placed in a position where they are expected to deliver services without the necessary resources owing to poor financial management.

The PSA calls on the relevant authorities in the Gauteng Department of Health to urgently investigate the circumstances that led to the accumulation of this debt. Transparency and accountability are essential to restoring confidence in the management of the Hospital. The PSA also urges the Department to implement immediate corrective measures to stabilise the Hospital's financial position and ensure that service delivery is not compromised. Public healthcare facilities must prioritise responsible financial management to safeguard employees and patients. The PSA will continue to monitor the situation closely and engage with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the interests of public servants and the communities they serve are protected.

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