



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA condemns murder of Limpopo Community Development Practitioner**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is saddened and disturbed by the brutal murder of a Community Development Practitioner employed by the Limpopo Department of Social Development at Mavele Local Area, Tzaneen Greater Municipality whose body was found in late April 2024.

As a Community Development Practitioner since 2011, and a member of the PSA she was a dedicated professional and a beacon of change and inspiration to all who had the privilege of collaborating with her. The PSA extends sincere condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

This murder left family, colleagues, and community members traumatised and further cemented fear amongst women in a country where an average of eight women are murdered on a daily. This disregard for human life reflects the moral decay and lawlessness in society.

The Limpopo Department of Social Development's invaluable support to affected employees is acknowledged. The PSA also commends the South African Police Service for the swift action in apprehending suspects in this matter. Should these suspects be found guilty, the PSA calls for harsh sentences.

The PSA appeals to all men to unite against the killing of women. The PSA pledges support for government's call on South Africans to embrace the 365 Days of No Violence Against Women and Children campaign to create safer communities. In memory of the Union's fallen member and in support of all victims of gender-based violence, the PSA urges all South Africans to united in a commitment to building a society free from violence and oppression.

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