

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA demands an improvement to the lives of public servants**

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An unfair three-year wage agreement, lack of access to affordable housing, problems accessing medical benefits, uncertainty regarding pensions, working in unsafe buildings, these are some of the issues facing workers, expected to deliver services to South Africa.

As the country commemorates, Public Service Day on 23 June, the Public Servants Association (PSA), representing over 240 000 members, demands that more be done to improve the livelihoods and work environments of public servants.

Public servants are expected to render services to communities, while working under debilitating unsafe conditions, often with a lack of adequate resources to fulfil their mandates. Public servants face the anger of communities when they are unable to provide services, this while government officials mismanage public funds, interfere in the running of State-Owned Enterprises and allegedly loot from institutions such as the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and the Government Employees Fund (GEF). Officials are quick to blame the country's high wage bill, yet little to no action has been taken against those who are allegedly involved in corrupt activities that have brought the country's economy to its knees.

Public servants cannot be expected to serve with pride and dignity, when they are unable to afford basics on-top of the escalating prices in food, petrol and school fees. The continued commitment shown by public servants, needs to be recognised through fair remuneration and a conducive work environment.

The PSA salutes public servants who work hard to make this country better, with their service.

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