

MEDIA RELEASE PSA expectations ahead of Limpopo Premier's State of Province Address

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) calls on the Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, to use the upcoming State of the Province Address (SOPA) to provide decisive leadership and concrete solutions to the pressing challenges facing the Province.

The PSA is extremely concerned about the deteriorating state of public healthcare in the province. Chronic shortages of staff, equipment, and medicine continue to undermine citizen's constitutional right to quality healthcare. The Premier must commit to urgent interventions that strengthen management, improve accountability, and restore dignity to patients and healthcare workers.

Many hospitals, clinics, and government buildings across the Province are in a state of disrepair, endangering employees and members of the public. The PSA expects the SOPA to outline a clear plan for infrastructure upgrades, regular maintenance, and investment in modern facilities, particularly in rural communities where neglect is most severe.

The safety of employees and patients cannot be compromised. Incidents of crime, vandalism, and unsafe working conditions in hospitals and clinics demand immediate action. The PSA calls for the deployment of adequate security personnel, installation of surveillance systems, and stronger collaboration with law enforcement agencies to ensure safe working environments.

The PSA is further alarmed by rising crime levels in Limpopo, with women, children, and the elderly particularly being affected. The Premier must present a comprehensive strategy to combat gender-based violence and protect vulnerable groups. This requires coordinated efforts between government, law enforcement, and community structures to restore safety and dignity.

The people of Limpopo deserve more than promises, they deserve action. The Premier must use this SOPA to demonstrate that government is serious about tackling poor service delivery, unsafe facilities, and the scourge of crime. Public servants and communities cannot continue to bear the brunt of neglect and inefficiency. The PSA expects the Premier to deliver a SOPA that goes beyond rhetoric, with practical solutions, clear timelines, and accountability mechanisms.

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