

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA honours generations of Nurses for shaping future of care
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On International Nurses' Day, commemorated under the theme "*Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives*", the Public Servants Association (PSA) honours the extraordinary people who dedicate their lives to caring for others, often placing the needs of patients above their own.

Nursing is more than a profession - it is a calling rooted in compassion, resilience, and quiet strength. Across generations, nurses have carried this calling with dignity. The older generation, in particular, represents a living legacy of service as pillars of guidance and inspiration. Their mentorship, wisdom, and example are shaping new generations of nurses who are determined to carry this noble profession forward. Their influence extends beyond clinical care. They instil courage in young nurses facing overwhelming workloads, offer reassurance in moments of uncertainty, and remind them why they chose this path, to heal, to comfort, and to save lives.

Behind this dedication is a harsh reality. Many nurses in the public sector continue to work under immense pressure, in environments marked by critical staff shortages, limited resources, and a lack of essential medical equipment. Too often, they are expected to do more with less, stretching themselves beyond reasonable limits. At the same time, unsafe working conditions, including exposure to violence and insufficient security, leave many feeling vulnerable in the spaces where they are meant to provide care.

These challenges take a toll by affecting the quality of healthcare as well as the wellbeing, morale, and future of the nursing profession. For younger nurses, the weight of these realities can be discouraging, making the support and guidance of experienced colleagues even more vital.

The PSA remains unwavering in the Union's commitment to nurses. Through sustained labour engagement, the PSA continues to advocate for safer working environments, adequate staffing, and resources necessary for nurses to perform their duties with dignity and excellence. The PSA has extended the Union's support beyond the workplace through corporate social investment initiatives, aiding with essential resources to healthcare facilities and contributing to community-based programmes. These efforts are driven by a recognition that supporting nurses means strengthening the entire healthcare system.

On Nurses' Day, the PSA calls on all stakeholders to recognise the humanity behind the uniform, to see the role nurses play and their daily sacrifices. Nurses' compassion and resilience do not go unnoticed. As the heart of the healthcare system, their legacy continues to inspire hope for the future.

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