

MEDIA RELEASE PSA welcomes government flood intervention: Demands immediate interventions to protect communities in Mpumalanga

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the response strategy announced by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs following devastating floods affecting Mpumalanga and surrounding provinces.

The PSA acknowledges the Minister's commitment to improved intergovernmental coordination and the strengthening of provincial and local disaster management structures. The announced measures are viewed as a crucial step towards relief and long-term recovery. Commitments must, however, now translate into visible action on the ground and urgent implementation is required.

The scale of infrastructure damage and the displacement of communities in Mpumalanga require immediate intervention. Delays will deepen human suffering and prolong service disruption. The PSA calls for the immediate deployment of financial, human, and logistical resources to affected areas, rapid restoration of water, electricity, health services, and road infrastructure, and direct support to displaced families who lost homes, livelihoods, and loved ones.

Public servants remain at the centre of flood-response efforts. Emergency responders, health workers, and disaster management officials continue to operate under dangerous and unstable conditions. The PSA demands urgent protection for frontline personnel through adequate operational resources, including tools, equipment, and vehicles, enforced safety protocols in high-risk and flood-affected zones, and immediate access to psychosocial and trauma support services.

The PSA conveys the Union's sincere condolences to families in Mpumalanga who lost loved ones during this disaster. Communities are urged to remain vigilant and to follow all safety directives issued by disaster management authorities as weather conditions remain unpredictable. The PSA will engage continuously with government departments and structures to ensure implementation of announced interventions. Plans must result in real relief, restored dignity, and safe working conditions. The PSA will monitor developments closely to protect affected communities and uphold the rights, safety, and welfare of public servants throughout this crisis.

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