

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes plans to renovate Bedford Orthopaedic Hospital, Eastern Cape
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the announcement by Eastern Cape Health MEC regarding plans to renovate Bedford Orthopaedic Hospital in Mthatha in the Eastern Cape in partnership with the Road Accident Fund (RAF) and other stakeholders.

The PSA has consistently raised concerns regarding deteriorating conditions at public health facilities in the Province, including Bedford Orthopaedic Hospital, where patients and staff have endured unacceptable working and treatment conditions. Crumbling infrastructure, overcrowded wards, and outdated equipment have severely undermined healthcare professionals' ability to provide quality care to the public.

The PSA, therefore, welcomes the MEC's commitment to prioritising urgent interventions at Bedford Hospital and commends the involvement of the RAF in providing infrastructure and rehabilitation support. The collaboration between the Provincial Department of Health, the RAF, and other partners marks a positive step toward addressing long-standing challenges in the Province's healthcare infrastructure.

Whilst welcoming these developments, the PSA urges that the assessment and renovation process be fast-tracked and conducted transparently, with clear timelines and budget allocations to ensure accountability. The PSA further calls on the Department to extend similar interventions to other health facilities in the Province facing comparable conditions.

The PSA is committed to supporting efforts that promote a safe, functional, and dignified working environment for healthcare workers and improved service delivery for communities.

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