

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS- LIMPOPO

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Feedback: COVID-19 Steering Committee

The virtual meeting took place on 10 June 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

Non-compliance: OHS requirements

The employer reported that in terms of availability of the stock levels for PPE's, enough stock is still available at all districts. Furthermore, that each employee was supplied with three branded Home Affairs cloth masks. The process of procuring JOJO tanks for offices in need, will be finalised as soon as orders for some offices were issued. It was reported that there is intermittent water supply at Atok Office, which needs to be urgently attended to and reported back on, in the next meeting. The PSA cautioned the employer to fast track the process to procure JOJO's for the remaining offices.

Compliance: Safety protocols

District managers reported the number of applications granted for employees with comorbidities working from home as follows: Waterberg – 5, Capricorn - 3, Vhembe – 2 and Sekhukhune – 1. Furthermore, Vhembe had challenges with thermometers, which requires urgent attention and Dzanani Office is currently having one cleaner, as the other is at home owing to underlying health conditions, hence the request for additional cleaner which will be considered by the Provincial Office. Mopani connected but could not report as they had a technical challenge with cameras and sound, the employer is set to address the matter before the next meeting. The Department of Employment and Labour visited Mokopane and Lephalale Offices, resulting in the resubmission of the risk assessment. Furthermore, no symptoms have been reported from employees and clients who visited the offices.

Functionality of Committee

The committee meetings at the district level took place as agreed and the PSA is represented in such meetings. Members are encouraged to monitor compliance with the safety regulations and raise such in their district meetings, through their shop stewards. Members are reminded to adhere to safety measures by wearing their masks as supplied by the employer, wash their hands with soap regularly and or sanitise and keep social distancing.

GENERAL MANAGER