

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Poor working conditions at Kone-Kwena Cluster

The PSA visited the Kone-Kwena Cluster on 13 October 2020, which houses the Moletjie and Mogoshi Circuits after being alerted by the concerned employees regarding their poor working conditions. Although the District Director was engaged, he did not commit to dealing with the problems hence a meeting was requested with the HOD.

The employees have been placed in a building that is in the middle of nowhere, making it not only difficult but also very dangerous to access particularly for those without their own cars, as the place is surrounded by the bushes. Killing of snakes seems like part of their job description. The problems range from intermittent water supply, undrinkable water, inadequate ablution blocks, poor and inadequate lighting, poor electrical connections, no toilet paper, no cleaning materials, outdated computers and dysfunctional printers and photocopiers, no access to Wi-Fi, empty and non-serviced fire extinguishers.

It is the view of the PSA that alternative accommodation must be sought in the interest and safety of members. Should the meeting with the HOD not materialize or yield the positive results, the matter would be escalated to the MEC and Department of Employment and Labour for intervention.

Members will be kept abreast of further developments.

GENERAL MANAGER