

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Feedback: Committee Virtual Meeting – 26 May 2020

Safe Workplace

The PSA raised the issue of the non-compliance at Sekororo Hospital, whereby toilets are dysfunctional, there is no toilet paper and poor cleaning of the maternity wards. The employer noted the matter and reported that toilet papers have been received and collected by districts for institutional distribution and other problems will also receive attention. Furthermore, Polokwane Hospital and other facilities do not have cleaners at night hence ward attendants are working during the night.

Household screening

Second phase launched 26 May at Ngwaabe Clinic in Sekhukhune District, wherein 66 positive cases were confirmed between 15 and 25 May 2020, hence the focus in the Sekhukhune area. The employer reported that since the beginning of pandemic about 16 front-line workers tested positive with 11 recoveries and 5 still active cases.

Contract: Community Health Workers

The PSA reiterated that the employer must reconsider their position, on the 6 month contracts and extend the contracts to 12 months, owing to the necessity of the CHWs. The employer responded that the matter is being discussed nationally and the outcome is awaited.

Compliance: DPSA Circular 18 under level-4 of the lockdown

The employer reported that the training of screeners has been done and a Circular directing employees returning to work, as per the level-3 regulations will be issued soon. The PSA cautioned the employer to comply with both level-4 and 3 lockdown regulations before recalling employees to report for duty.

Safety, Health, Environment, Risk and Quality Management (SHERQ POLICY)

Members will recall that inputs were requested to be submitted by 25 May 2020. The PSA highlighted that the committee does not have powers to continue with the policy and advised that it be tabled at the PHSDSBC meeting for finalisation. It was however agreed that the employer should, in the meantime, implement safety measures necessary in terms of law to protect members.

GENERAL MANAGER