

## Commemorating Nurses Day 2020

Healthcare is not only an essential but also a critical service in society this is more evident in the public health system which caters for a majority of the public.

The Nursing Profession has proved more now than ever that is an essential if not critical role in the wellbeing of any nation as the world faces the COVID-19 pandemic. The PSA represents thousands of members in this sector calls for compassion and respect that Nurses deserve to commemorate International Nurses Day on 12 May 2020.

The PSA has been negotiating to address challenges that Nurses in public health have been facing for years. Better working conditions, adequate remuneration and equipment for nurses to discharge their duties. Many problems in the health facilities that the public complain about have been blamed on Nurses as the faces of the health profession. The government needs to address many ailments in the sector to allow Nurses to thrive in their profession.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further revealed many loopholes that the health sector faces and the extent that Nurses go to risking their lives in line of duty. The availability of Personal Protective Equipment has been the biggest challenge for Nurses thus far. The employer needs to be aware that neglecting this line of workers during this time could prove to be detrimental to the fight against Coronavirus.

On 12 May 2020, the PSA will commemorate the day in honour of those risking their lives daily to protect society from this pandemic the world is facing. Health care is and will remain the backbone of any successful nation. Failure to take care of this sector will be disastrous not only for the lives of the people by the economy as well.

The PSA would also like to show special appreciation to Nurses who continue to risks their lives in the line of duty and reminds them that their hard-work and passion for this profession is not in vain.

The PSA Salutes You!

GENERAL MANAGER