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Teachers' Day 2021: PSA pledges support for safe and healthy environment

The unequal distribution of resources between low- and high-income schools, lack of technical skills training and inadequate support for teachers in rural areas are some of the continued challenges facing South African Educators on the eve of World Teachers' Day 2021.

The PSA notes that these challenges are exacerbated by the shortage of thousands of Educators across the country, including the more than 1 600 Educators who lost their lives to COVID-19 virus. This while the profession struggles to attract young people as many do not see this career as a means out of poverty.

World Teachers' Day is intended to commemorate the vital contributions made by Educators to education worldwide. However, despite the importance of this role, South African Educators are expected to continue to work in unsafe conditions, including managing learners affected by a host of societal ills. These issues are constantly raised but government has done little to improve the state of schooling. This situation further fuels the lack of interest in teaching as a career.

On Teachers' Day, the PSA calls for more to be done to change the state of teaching and learning in the country. The PSA remains committed to protecting the rights and interests of all Educators and continues its direct interventions at schools across the country to ensure a safe and healthy environment for Educators and learners.

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