

## Feedback: Provincial OHS/COVID-19 meeting

The following issues were discussed during a virtual meeting on 6 May 2021:

### OHS requirements

The service provider at Phalaborwa completed the installation of tiles and counters and replaced carpets. The order was issued for training of First Aiders and the date is awaited from the service provider. The municipality is assisting with the evacuation plan. The employer failed to service fire extinguishers as it is awaiting a response from the Department of Public Works. The PSA was disturbed by this report since failure to service fire extinguishers put the lives of workers at risk and is in contravention of the *OHS Act*. The PSA engaged the Department of Employment and Labour and the date of inspection is awaited. The employer reported that the Modimolle office finalised installation and connection of the server and linkage of the generator to the control unit. Mobile trucks were removed and members are now operating from the new offices. The PSA noted the report and will be visiting the institution for inspection.

### COVID-19 management

Members will recall that it was previously reported that the 500-hazmat that were delivered will be distributed to all districts. The employer reported that some were collected and that some are outstanding. The PSA was concerned that the employer did not finalise the distribution to members. The employer must ensure that distribution is finalised before the next meeting. Districts reported that they still have enough PPEs. The PSA raised concern regarding the replacement of masks as the previous ones were issued in 2020 and are becoming worn out and the employer must make provision for such.

### Employees infected with COVID-19

The employer revised the statistics as some members were counted twice because of reinfection. Therefore the number of infected employees is 69 with 65 recoveries, one active case and three deaths. That only office that was closed was Dzanani on 22 April.

### Steering Committee meeting

Members are reminded to report non-compliance to their shop stewards as districts continue to hold district Steering Committee meetings.

GENERAL MANAGER