



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE**

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## **OHSA concerns at Kuruman Hospital in John Taolo Gaetsewe District, Northern Cape**

The PSA noted with utter disbelief the poor status of Kuruman Hospital as captured in a video the past weekend. It cannot be accepted that a hospital could be in such a state. This Hospital is based in a town with a population exceeding 14 000 people who may require medical attention, be it during the week or on weekends. Therefore, leaving the Hospital in a filthy state is condemned in the strongest terms.

The extent of non-compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* by a Secondary Health Institution is appalling. The following are issues:

- Non-flushing toilets
- Extremely dirty premises, including in passages in the Hospital
- Dustbins full of garbage
- Patients sleeping on corridor floors

The PSA urges the Kuruman Hospital management, the John Taolo Gaetsewe Health District management, and the Head of Department to intervene immediately. Patients' immune systems are already compromised when they go to hospitals. To be exposed to such horrific conditions can have a further negative impact.

Members can call the PSA Provincial Office on (053) 839 1000 for more information.

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