



**MEDIA RELEASE**                      PSA calls for government departments to provide Personal Protective Equipment for cleaners

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all its members, particularly those in frontlines such as our dedicated cleaners. However, we are recognising an alarming shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the departments of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism ( DEDECT) and the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC) in Klerksdorp where workers are currently compromising their health and safety while performing essential duties.

Cleaners play a crucial role in maintaining hygiene and safety standards within our facilities, especially in the wake of ongoing public health challenges. The lack of adequate PPE not only puts cleaners at risk but also poses a potential threat to the broader community they serve. This dedicated workforce continues to face unacceptable risks due to insufficient protective resources and it is imperative that their health and safety are prioritised by providing adequate PPE to ensure they can perform their duties safely and efficiently.

The PSA urges these Departments to address this critical issue with immediate action. The PSA demands expedited procurement and distribution of PPE and the implementation of comprehensive safety protocols. Protecting the workforce is not only a legal obligation but a moral imperative.

The PSA remains committed to working collaboratively with the departments to resolve this matter swiftly. Communique in this regard has been forwarded to the respective Heads of Departments and the PSA invites management to engage in open discussions and explore sustainable solutions to prevent such shortages in future. The safety of public servants must never be compromised.

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