

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA shocked by occupational health and safety disregard at Mpozolo Clinic in Eastern Cape**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned and shocked by the appalling state of the Mpozolo Clinic in the Eastern Cape, which poses a severe risk to patients and employees.

The Clinic's building is not safe for occupation, reflecting a blatant disregard for occupational health and safety standards. The PSA identified several critical issues at the Clinic. There are structural hazards with the roof and floors of the Clinic collapsing. This situation creates a dangerous environment that could result in serious injuries or even fatalities. Immediate structural repairs are essential. The Clinic's windows are broken, exposing employees and patients to the elements, and compromising the security of the premises. This condition also raises concerns about the potential for unauthorized access and overall hygiene at the clinic. The Clinic's grounds are not maintained, with grass that has grown to an unacceptable height. This negligence has led to a proliferation of snakes, posing a significant risk to employees and patients. The Clinic environment should be kept clear to ensure safety and accessibility.

The PSA demands urgent intervention from relevant health and safety authorities to address these critical issues. The well-being of healthcare workers and patients must be prioritised. The PSA urges the responsible bodies to take immediate action to rectify the hazardous conditions at Mpozolo Clinic. The current state of the Clinic is unacceptable and immediate measures must be taken to restore the Clinic to a safe and operational condition.

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