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The Public Servants Association (PSA) acknowledges and welcomes key strategies and initiatives outlined by the Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, in the 2025 State of the Province Address (SOPA).

The PSA is hopeful that the proposed economic growth strategies, Special Economic Zones, and investment commitments will bring about much-needed development and job creation in Limpopo. The Premier's commitment to growing Limpopo's manufacturing, agriculture, and construction industries is a positive step toward addressing the unemployment crisis, particularly amongst youth and women. The PSA remains optimistic that these efforts will translate into tangible opportunities across the province.

The PSA is, however, concerned that the Premier was silent on "*Operation Vhuyisa Thundu ya Muvhuso*" during the opening of the seventh Limpopo Provincial Legislature on 2 August 2024, which aimed to reclaim and repurpose vandalised or illegally occupied government buildings. Ensuring that public buildings are restored and effectively used is critical to improving service delivery and creating a conducive work environment for public servants. The dilapidated state of public service buildings is a standing item in the bargaining chamber, with the PSA regularly reporting incidents of non-compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

The expectation was that the Premier would address poor infrastructure in hospitals such as defective X-ray facilities, poor air-conditioning in pharmacies and theatres at health facilities in Limpopo.

The PSA welcomes the Premier's announcement of the recruitment of 313 professional nurses and 40 staff nurses, and the prioritisation of the appointment of medical officers and specialists will assist communities. Whilst these commitments are commendable, the PSA urges the provincial government to prioritise transparency, accountability, and timely execution of these plans. The allocated resources must be managed efficiently to ensure that the economic investments and infrastructure projects lead to meaningful improvements in the lives of Limpopo's residents.

The PSA will closely monitor the implementation of these initiatives and continue to advocate for the rights and well-being of public servants, ensuring that government policies contribute to a stronger, more sustainable Limpopo.

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