



MEDIA RELEASE South Africa's financial crisis: PSA issues warning on public service salary negotiations

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about the alarming rate at which South Africa is running out of money, as recently reported by the *Daily Investor*.

This revelation comes at a critical stage, as salary negotiations for public servants are currently underway at the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC). The PSA is dismayed that public servants who have consistently delivered essential services to the country may again be penalised for government's ongoing mismanagement of public finances. It is unacceptable that the burden of the country's economic crisis should fall on the shoulders of hardworking public service employees.

The PSA demands that government takes immediate responsibility for its financial mismanagement and develops a comprehensive plan to address the crisis. The continued maladministration and corruption, especially in procurement, need to be stopped with immediate effect. Public service employees cannot be expected to bear the brunt of government's failures. The PSA further insists that current salary negotiations at the PSCBC must prioritise the interests of public servants. Any attempts to impose austerity measures by offering unrealistic salary adjustments, or even deny such adjustments, will be met with strong resistance by the PSA as these will unfairly penalise public servants.

The PSA will continue to advocate for the rights and interests of public service employees and will not hesitate to take drastic measures to protect their welfare.

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