

## Feedback: Provincial OHS/COVID-19 meeting

The following issues were discussed during a virtual meeting on 3 June 2021:

### OHS requirements

The employer reported progress for Phalaborwa that the shifting of funds for training of first aiders has been done and that members will soon be trained. Counters for cashiers that were not mounted to the wall are now mounted and are safe to be used. The *status quo* remains regarding the evacuation plan as the employer is assisted by the municipality as well as the replacement of fire extinguishers as the process is not yet finalised. The PSA was disappointed that fire extinguishers have not been replaced. The labour inspector will be visiting the institutions soon as the issue is serious and long overdue. The employer acknowledged that it is long overdue and that a meeting will be arranged with Public Works to solve the problem.

### COVID-19 management

Members will recall that the hazmat suits were distributed and could not be used by members owing to impracticality, particularly when ladies are wearing skirts and dresses. These suits are hot, uncomfortable and against religion for those not allowed to wear trousers as they are like jump suits. The employer would facilitate sessions to engage with employees and members are advised to attend such sessions. The employer reported that it still has enough PPE. It was reported that the shifting of funds for the replacement of face masks has been done. However, the committee will have to sit on Monday (7<sup>th</sup>) as the amount in terms of the quotations will need the evaluation of the adjudication committee.

### Employees infected with COVID-19

The number of infections is still at 69 with 66 recoveries and three deaths with no new infections. No office was closed since the last meeting. The PSA urged the employer to continue complying with safety regulations to contain infections.

### Steering Committee meeting

Districts continue to hold meetings with PSA shop stewards. Members are reminded to report non-compliance to their shop stewards.

GENERAL MANAGER