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FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Update: Department of Health Breipaal PHC - Northern Cape

The PSA welcomes the closing of the Breipaal Primary Health Centre (Clinic) in Douglas. This facility was closed after the Municipality issued “Compliance Orders” that were ignored by the Department of Health. Failure to act and repair the facility led to a “Prohibition Order”, which effectively closed the facility from usage.

The building is in a poor state, including:

- Ceilings are falling;
- Floor in main Hall is not user friendly;
- Poor water supply into the building; and
- Fencing is collapsing.

The PSA is calling on the HOD to ensure that facility managers report deficiencies at their facilities for speedy attention. Members are advised to avoid dangerous/unsafe situations and to report such conditions immediately to the PSA. Members who are participating in steering committees in the Province are advised to report non-compliance with the *Occupational Health Safety Act* at their workplaces to the PSA.

It is unfortunate that the closing of this facility leaves the community without primary health-care services but employees working at this facility cannot be exposed to a dangerous workplace.

Contact the PSA Provincial Office on 053 839 1000 for further clarity.

GENERAL MANAGER