



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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Northern Cape Department of Health: Noupoot Community Clinic

The PSA is extremely concerned about the state of occupational health and safety of the Noupoot Community Clinic. The Clinic has been without running water for more than a week. This has resulted in employees being unable to discharge their functions and the community cannot be treated as per the delivery service mandate of the Department of Health.

The PSA has addressed this issue with the district authorities and, as usual, there was no response or action to address the problem. The Clinic is equipped with a backup in the form of a water tank, but it is not filled with water. This lack of water poses a serious threat to patients in that daily hygiene cleaning cannot be sustained. The facility itself cannot be cleaned, and toilets cannot be flushed. The PSA therefore cannot allow members to work in facilities that are not safe. The PSA will continue to raise all forms on non-compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The *Act* provides that the employer must provide a safe working place. The PSA will continue to monitor the situation at Noupoot Clinic and will escalate the matter to the office of the HOD for swift intervention.

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