

Human rights: PSA active in communities

s South Africa observed Human Rights Day on 21 March 2025 under the theme of "Three Decades of Respect for and Promotion of Human Rights", the PSA calls on shop stewards to foster a spirit of social cohesion, whilst striving for socio-economic inclusion for all.

In the quest to enshrine the rights of public-sector employees and communities, the PSA continues with social responsibility initiatives to assist, amongst others, with needs at clinics across the country to create healthy environments for employees and the communities they service.

In the Eastern Cape, the PSA's Provincial Office in Mthatha assisted Mjanyana Hospital with brush cutters, a vacuum cleaner, a water purifier, and cleaning chemicals. The Provincial Office in Gqeberha assisted with renovations at Park Centre Clinic. The Provincial Office in Gauteng in Pretoria assisted with structures and furniture for use as consultation rooms for Community Health Workers at Suuruman Clinic, Gazankulu Clinic, and Maria Rantho Clinic. The Provincial Office in Johannesburg assisted with renovations at Chiawelo Clinic, Magagula Clinic, and PJ Maree Clinic.

> The North West Provincial Office assisted with renovations at Motlhabeng Clinic. The Northern Cape Provincial Office assisted with a pedestrian gate and motor, fencing and furniture for Kimberley City Clinic.

The Provincial Office in the Western Cape assisted Retreat Community Health Centre, Hanover Park Community Health Clinic, Dr Abdurahman Clinic, Vanguard Community Health Centre, Khayelitsha Site B CDC, and Macassar CDC with a generator, gate, fire extinguisher, first-aid kits, reflector bibs and safety awareness boards. The Provincial Office in the Free State assisted Makoane Clinic, Monontsha Clinic, and Makeneng Clinic to install water tanks. The Provincial Office in Mpumalanga assisted with renovations at Doornkop Clinic. In KwaZulu-Natal, the Provincial Office in Durban provided guard huts at K Clinic in Umlazi and Glebe Clinic in Inanda. The Provincial Office in Pietermaritzburg provided water tanks and trees to Sangonzima Clinic, Northdale Clinic, Montbello Gateway Clinic, Gugwini Clinic, Ibisi Clinic, Osizweni Clinic 2, Rosary Clinic, Osizweni 1, Appelsbosch Hospital, and Khan Road Clinic.

The Limpopo Provincial Office sponsored the construction of a shelter to create shade for patients at Mahubahube Clinic and provided chain saws and protective gear to assist various clinics. Rechargeable solar lights were also donated to various of these clinics to address load shedding.

In honour of Human Rights Day, the PSA calls for upholding and protecting the hard-earned human rights that every South African should enjoy. The PSA encourages the Union's shop stewards to recommit by standing up for justice, fairness, equality and safety in workplaces and society.

