

# PSC TODAY

## INSPECTION AT ZIMNONO INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

On Monday, 20 May 2024, the Public Service Commission (PSC) in the Eastern Cape under the leadership of Commissioner Lulu Sizani together with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) conducted a joint inspection at Zimnono Informal Settlement in Amalinda, East London.

Zimnono Informal Settlement is situated in a forest near Frere Hospital and does not have running water, electricity and sanitation. Most of the residents are undocumented South Africans, including children who were born in the forest and do not qualify for government services due to lack of documentation.

The inspection coincided with the launch of the 2024 Child Protection Week which is being observed under the theme: **“Protecting South African Children, 30 years on”**. During the inspection, the Department of Social Development profiled the Community and officials from the Home Affairs Department compiled a list of people that do not have Identity Documents (ID). A sponsor was sought for the payment of the fee for reissuing of IDs. Food parcels were also distributed and as a temporary measure, hot meals are being provided daily to the community, with the assistance of the Department of Social Development and the National Development Agency. The inspection was also attended by Councillor Wetsetse from the Buffalo City Metro, representatives from the National Development Agency and the Government Communication and Information System.

The inspection was preceded by a briefing session at the offices of the Human Rights Commission in Chiselhurst, East London.



## In other news

The PSC under the leadership of the Deputy Chairperson, Ms Zukiswa Mqolomba, held a virtual meeting with Senior Managers of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) on Monday, 20 May 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following, amongst others,

- Unlawful instructions;
- Discipline management;
- Emerging Human Resources trends;
- Ethics in recruitment and selection;
- Utilisation of headhunting processes in the Public Service; and
- Digitization of Human Resource Management processes in the Public Service.

Following the meeting, it was agreed that the PSC will host a workshop with senior managers of the DALRRD to address some of the issues which were raised at the meeting.