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Media Statement

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Limpopo CoGHSTA MEC urges residents to exercise caution amidst disruptive rains.

The MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu is urging all Limpopo citizens to exercise caution and prioritize safety following severe weather alerts issued by the South African Weather Service (SAWS). The South African Weather Services issued Yellow Level 2 warning which indicates disruptive rainfall leading to localized flooding of susceptible areas, roads, bridges over the North- Western and Northern Parts of the Province (Parts of Vhembe and Mopani Districts). MEC Makamu appeals to everyone to act responsibly and collaboratively during this challenging period, ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents. "It is worth mentioning that disasters do not make any prior invitation when they are to happen and that is why people are always caught unprepared. The period we are in calls for heightened awareness and co-operation from everyone. I want to reiterate the fact that Disaster Management is a shared responsibility that requires all spheres of government and key stakeholders. As a nation let us embrace the notion that says "disaster management is everybody's business"

With disruptive rainfall wreaking havoc in the communities, residents are advised to adhere to the following during flooding:

1. Stay indoors if possible.
2. Avoid crossing rivers and swollen streams where water is above ankles.
3. If trapped in a vehicle during floods, abandon it and climb to higher ground.
4. In buildings, move valuables to safe place above expected flood level.
5. Where rising water levels are observed immediately move to higher ground.

6. When outdoor during lightning, immediately move away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.

7. Never shelter under isolated trees and stay away from objects that conduct electricity such as barbed wire fences and power lines.

Disaster Management Officials are on the ground assessing the situation.

Emergency Contact Numbers.

Provincial Disaster Management Centre

Telephone: 0800 222 111

District Municipalities

Capricorn: 0800 666 777

Mopani: 015 306 7000/015 307 5555/060 551 1910/060 551 1911

Sekhukhune: 0800 330 022

Vhembe: 015 964 4500

Waterberg: 0800 111 660

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Issued by the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA).

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