



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC FOR COGHSTA, BASIKOPO MAKAMAU, CONCERNED BY THE IMPACT OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS ACROSS LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs in Limpopo, Hon Basikopo Makamu, is deeply concerned by the destruction caused by severe weather conditions across the province, in recent days. At least two people, including a seven-year-old boy, have lost their lives in the Waterberg District while a number of homes have been destroyed with the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, in the Mopani District.

The MEC has instructed departmental officials, working together with Disaster Management Centers, in the worst affected areas, to conduct a full assessment of the damage. This is to enable the department to properly intervene with relief efforts. "Our responsibility as government is to prevent any loss of life and help also restore the dignity of those who have been affected by heavy rains. We extend our heartfelt condolence to the families that have lost their loved ones, because of the devastating weather." Said MEC Makamu.

The Yellow Level 4 Warning by the South African Weather Service remains in place, with inclement weather expected to continue until Monday, 29 December 2025. There are indications of significant storms that may occur, resulting in heavy downpours, leading to flooding of roads, settlements and low-lying areas.

The SAWS further warns of excessive lightning, strong damaging winds and amounts of small hail that are expected over the Northern parts of Gauteng, vast part of Mpumalanga and the Southern and Central parts of Limpopo.

MEC Makamu has called on communities to remain vigilant and observe the following precautionary measures:

- **Closely monitor official daily weather updates and heed warnings issued by authorities.**
- **Avoid crossing flooded roads, bridges and low-lying areas.**
- **Secure homes, informal structures and loose items that may be affected by strong rainfall and winds**
- **Stay indoors where possible or exercise extra vigilance when travelling, particularly during thunderstorms.**
- **Keep children and other vulnerable loved ones away from swollen rivers, streams and open water.**
- **Promptly report weather-related emergencies to local disaster management centres.**

“While families travel and gather to celebrate the festive season, safety must remain a priority. We urge everyone to act responsibly.” said MEC Makamu.

COGHSTA will continue to work closely with other sister departments such as the Department of Social Development, the SAPS and Emergency Management Service agencies to preserve lives and human dignity.

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