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### **LIMPOPO COGHSTA MEC BASIKOPO MAKAMU CALLS ON COMMUNITIES TO REMAIN VIGILANT AS INCLEMENT WEATHER PERSISTS**

The MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu, called on community members in Limpopo province to remain extra vigilant, as inclement weather persists. This is in the wake of what appears to be a continuous disregard of safety protocols that have been established by government, during the rainy season.

MEC Makamu has observed with concern the distribution of photographic material depicting community members engaging in risky behaviors around flooding river streams. “We have seen videos and pictures of people crossing overflowing river streams and bridges. This is a very dangerous exercise and must be condemned in all strongest possible terms. Community members must assist government to preserve lives during rainy season by complying with all safety protocols.” Said MEC Makamu.

A least one person lost their life, following a drowning incident in Khubvi Village in the Vhembe District, on 9 March 2026. Two people remain missing, 36-year-old male was swept away by the Nwanedi River as well as a 53-year-old male who went missing at Makuleke Dam on 03 March 2026 in the Collins Chabane Local Municipality.

The Provincial Disaster Management Centre has been working around the clock, together with sister departments such as Public Works, Basic Education, Social Development as well as Non-Governmental Organizations, to restore the livelihoods of affected community members, while providing relief efforts.

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