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MEC URGES RESIDENTS TO BE VIGILANT DURING THIS UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER

The MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mr Basikopo Makamu is making a clarion call to the people of Limpopo Province to stay vigilant following the emergence of devastating strong winds and heavy rains that recently affected many parts of the province. All five districts of the province were affected resulting in a destruction of houses, schools and critical infrastructure which includes electricity lines and the loss of livestock. The extend of the impact of the thunderstorms and hail also include injury to residents and damage to motor vehicles.

The MEC says that since the incidents of thunderstorms, hail and strong winds happened, the Provincial Disaster Management Center (PDMC), working with the district offices have been assisting affected communities. Some people were left homeless because their houses were destroyed by the strong winds and heavy rains. MEC also advises people to adhere to weather forecasts warnings that are broadcast on media on daily basis.

MEC Makamu is appealing to residents to avoid building on low lying areas as they are prone to floods and devastating winds. “We are calling on the people of Limpopo Province to prioritize their safety during this season by moving to high lying areas to avoid the risk of being swept away. People must also avoid crossing rivers at this time as this also poses a threat to their safety. I’d also like to take this opportunity to wish all who have been injured as a result, a very speedy recovery, and thankful that no life has been reported lost”. He added that the Department will continue to work with all stakeholders, including all affected municipalities to visit communities and find ways to assist.

Meanwhile, the MEC will conduct assessments at the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality today.

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