



LIMPOPO
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT - DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR VUWANI COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THUNDERSTORMS

Wednesday 28, 2016

Dr Phophi Ramathuba, MEC for Health and who is also Acting MEC for Social Development has announced disaster assistance is being made available to Vuwani communities impacted by severe thunderstorms over the Christmas weekend. Dr Ramathuba together with the Executive Mayor of Vhembe Cllr. Florence Razilani will today provide aid to relief the affected families of Ha Chavani and of Tshino Ha Mangilasi Villages in Vuwani.

The Department of Social Development is making a call to "Individuals and families, in these areas and across the Limpopo Province that were affected by thunderstorms to seek advice about what assistance is available to help them with the recovery process.

In the immediate aftermath of the thunderstorm and flooding, it is critical that communities should remain vigilant and exercise caution around free standing water that serves as breeding grounds for mosquitoes and thus increasing the risk of malaria, which is a concern in the Vuwani area. Communities should also exercise caution around the emergence and spread of water borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid as a result of the interruption and contamination of drinking water sources.

"The Limpopo Government is committed to supporting disaster affected communities and ensuring that the necessary assessments are done and assistance is available to those most in need," Dr. Ramathuba said.

For those in need of assistance, or those who are able to lend a helping hand, can call Disaster Management Limpopo Province Toll Free number 0800 222 111 or Mike Moja, Director Disaster Management at COGHSTA 083 455 9565

End

Issued by Moshupologo Mothotse

Communication Services

Department of Social Development

Mobile: 071 184 4886

Tel: 015 230 4388

Email: mothotsem@dsd.limpopo.gov.za

