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LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON HIGH ALERT AS FLOODS CONTINUE

The Limpopo Provincial Government is on high alert to address the severe flooding situation that has resurfaced across the Waterberg, Vhembe and Mopani districts. With some areas experiencing over 100 mm of rain in the last two days, the province stands vigilant and proactive in its response to the ongoing crisis.

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba says that the present floods are a stark reminder of the warnings issued by the South African Weather Services, indicating that Limpopo is still at risk through the end of March 2026.

"We have received numerous distress calls, particularly from residents in affected districts where essential roads have been devastated. Incidents such as mudslides along the R523 between Khalavha and Sibasa and major challenges on the R33 in Waterberg have been reported. Many low-lying bridges are submerged, rendering roads impassable to schools and health facilities," Premier Dr Ramathuba highlighted.

Considering these pressing circumstances, Premier Dr Ramathuba reassured residents that the Provincial Disaster Management Team is actively addressing these urgent needs. However, she cautioned that the saturated conditions may lead to delays in reaching some isolated areas. "We urge our residents to remain calm and prioritise their safety by avoiding flooded rivers and minimising movement as much as possible," she emphasised.

Significantly, the province has observed the Nwamanungu (Middle Letaba) Dam overflowing for the first time in years, posing a dire threat to communities previously spared from such floods.

As the South African Weather Services has issued level 4 to 2 warnings from March 14 to March 15, the potential for road flooding and danger to life remains high, alongside the displacement of communities and substantial traffic disruption.

The Limpopo Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) is fully prepared to assist all affected communities. Residents are encouraged to report any incidents using the toll-free number 0800 222 111 or by contacting their local municipal offices.

Moreover, the Premier said they will continue appeal to national government for immediate reconsideration of funding to address the urgent needs arising from this ongoing disaster. The challenges the province faces are overwhelming and the residents deserve the resources necessary to navigate these trials.

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