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UPDATE ON EFFECTS OF MODERATE TROPICAL STORM ANA

The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) in the the office of the President and Cabinet would like to update the general public that it has received new preliminary reports on damages caused by effects of Moderate Tropical Storm ANA.

As reported on Tuesday, 25th January 2022, DoDMA received rapid assessment reports on heavy rains, flooding and strong winds damages from Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Mulanje District Councils.

As of Wednesday, 26th January 2022, the department has received updated rapid assessment reports on ANA-induced disasters from Nsanje, Chikwawa, Dedza, Mwanza, Zomba, Blantyre, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Balaka, Neno, Ntcheu and Mchinji.

Currently, a total of 48, 216 households, which is approximately 216,972 people, have been affected. Eleven deaths have been reported; three in Neno, two each in Mulanje, Blantyre City and Chikwawa; one each in Blantyre District and Mwanza. So far, 107 injuries have been confirmed, 44 in Blantyre City, Mulanje 32, Neno 13, Machinga 10, Mwanza 5 and two each in Blantyre District and Mchinji.

Chikwawa has recorded the highest number of affected households, with 10,159 displaced and living in 44 camps set in the district.

In collaboration with DoDMA, Councils are still conducting assessments to establish the extent of damage and assisting all those in need.

Meanwhile, the deployed search and rescue teams comprising the Malawi Defence Force (MDF), Malawi Police Service, the Department of Marine, the Malawi Red Cross Society and other stakeholders are conducting surveillance and rescuing people trapped by floods in Lower Shire.

DoDMA has established that as of 26th January, 2022; the Electricity Supply Commission of Malawi (ESCOM) was unable to deliver power to Chikwawa, Mulanje, Thyolo, Phalombe and other parts of Chiradzulu, Zomba, Blantyre and Mwanza. ESCOM has attributed this to damaged transformers, disc insulators, conductors and loss of poles. Meanwhile, DoDMA is facilitating the process of restoring power to medical establishments; water treatment and distribution systems; schools and other areas with similar attributes.

The department has also established an emergency operation centre in Blantyre to coordinate and ease response operations.

DoDMA is also working in collaboration with the MDF and other stakeholders to reach out to cut-off areas with relief assistance.

Meanwhile, according to the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS) Tropical Storm ANA has weakened over Mozambique and has no influence over Malawi weather.

However, the country should expect the Inter-Tropical Convergency Zone to be active over southern Malawi by Thursday afternoon, progressing Northwards thereafter as the rainy season continues.

The general public will be duly updated on any developments regarding the effects of ANA and any related developments.

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