



# Flood Relief Interventions Progress Report for the Media

To ensure Transparency and Accountability

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SPEED AND EFFICIENCY



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#### **CONTEXT BY MEC JOMO SIBIYA**

I have taken a decision to release this report to the members of the media and the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

The more than 11, 1 million citizens of this province are entitled to government information as declared under the Promotion of Access to Information Act Number 2 of 2000. The Act promotes public and individual access to information and transparency as pillars of a democratic society.

In addition, the King III Code of Good Corporate Governance emphasizes the importance of protecting an organisation's reputation through effectively managing relationships with stakeholders. In Chapter 8, the Code states that, "an organisation should proactively deal with stakeholder relationships, build, and maintain stakeholder trust and confidence using transparent and effective communication".

Critically, the work of Communications Unit is based on the Provincial Communications Strategy and Communication strategy as developed by the Government Communications and Information System (GCIS)



### **PURPOSE AND OUTLINE**

To provide an update on the floods experienced in the province and their impact and interventions required.

- Overview of the situation
- Focus areas of Department of Human Settlements
- Affected households per district
- Financial implications
- Institutional Arrangements
- Partners and Supporting Entities
- Land Assembly
- Progress on Interventions
  - -Land Assembly
  - -Construction Of Temporary Residential Unitss
  - -Material Vouchers
  - -Statutory & Regulatory matters
- Recommendations



#### **OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION**

- The province experience extensive rains that affected all 10 districts and the Metro, leading to flooding in some areas.
- The rains had devastating effects leading to damages in houses, roads and other infrastructure.
- Settlements located close to rivers and waterways were severely impacted, some dwellings were swept away.
- Informal settlements were also among the most affected, especially those located in poor terrain.
- Assessment of damages are ongoing, however more still need to be conducted as some areas are inaccessible due to roads and bridges that have been washed away.
- Initial assessments indicate that eThekwini metro is the most affected area.



#### FOCUS AREAS OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The following storm damages trigger a response to the Department of Human Settlements:

- Households with partially damaged homes
- Households with totally damaged homes
- Displaced families
- Households living is disaster prone areas eg flood plains
- Damaged retaining wall
- Damaged State Flats
- Damaged Hostels
- Interrupted services to households



### **SUMMARY OF AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS**

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED	NUMBER OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS	NUMBER OF PARTIALLY DESTROYED
UMzinyathi	46	36	10
Amajuba	19	0	19
uMgungundlovu	88	28	60
uThukela	194	132	69
UGu	601	511	90
Zululand	394	108	281
uMkhanyakude	21	17	4
King Cetshwayo	150	49	103
iLembe	1 005	454	252
Ethekwini Metro	11 492	3 000	7 200
Harry Gwala	398	143	222
TOTAL	14 449	4 478	8 310



## **Financial Implications**

Activity/ Milestone	Number	Unit Cost	Budget
TEMPORARY SERVICES	788	R12 656,23	R 9 973 109,24
TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION (TRUs)	4 478	R68 659,00	R307 455 002,00
REPLACEMENT HOUSES	4 478	R139 722,00	R625 675 116,00
HOUSE REPAIRS (PARTIALLY DAMAGED)	8 199	R89 000,00	R 729 711 000,00
REPAIRS TO SERVICES	2 500	R55 596,00	R138 990 000,00
RETAINING WALLS	2000	R55 000,00	R 110 000 000,00
MATERIAL SUPPLY	8 310	R9 100,00	R75 621 000,00
REPAIRS TO FLATS & HOSTELS	200	R22 000,00	R4 400 000,00
TOTAL			R2 001 825 227,24



### **INSTITUATIONAL ARANGMENTS**

The Humans Settlements JOC				
JOC (WAR ROOM)	Technical Committee	Department HS Unit	Secretariat	
Lead by the HOD KZNDHS Mr Mdu Zungu	Luyanda Kafile (KZN human Settlements Dept)	Thulani Bhengu (KZN human Settlements Dept)	Siphelele Mpangase (Housing Development Agency)	
Provide Leadership and Oversight in the operations of the JOC	Transforms Joint Operations Centre (JOC) Instructions and decisions into administrative processes for execution by the municipalities, sector entities and government departments.	Convenes all meetings, co- ordinates all interventions, action plans and programmes.	Coordination of meetings of JOC.  Facilitate all interventions and support from sector entities.  Coordinate all Progress Reports	

3 Tech Task	Housing & Land,	Infrastructure &	Governance.
Teams		Services	



#### SUPPORT FROM HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ENTITIES

#### National Housing Finance Corporation – Bruce Gordon

- Financial pledge R150 million however awaiting the National Treasury approval
- Grant facilitation
- Repairs to damaged govt supplied houses (Voucher system)
- Project Management Unit

#### Social Housing Regulatory Authority – Ms Emily Ngcobo

- Financial pledge R100 million which was earmarked as Covid 19 relief funds, already in the process of approval of funds by National Treasury
- Available to conduct assessments

#### National Homebuilders Registration Council – Mr Songezo Booi

- Deploy engineers to do structural assessments
- Digitise a monitoring & Implementation tool

#### Community Schemes Ombuds Service – Advocate Boyce Mkhize

Financial pledge - R 50 million to be accessed via National Treasury

#### Housing Development Agency – Mr Bosco Khoza

- Financial pledge R 80 million
- Construction of TRUs on IPW basis
- Land Identification & Acquisition support
- Team of engineers, panel of contractors and alternative building technology that can be explored

#### **Free State Human Settlements**

Offered availability of Town Planning Professionals.



### Land assembly

KZNDHS is working with HDA to identify and map pieces of land that can be suitable for the relocation of destitute families.

#### **KZN Government properties:**

Department of Human Settlements - 3 815 Department of Public Works - 103

#### **Professional assessment of properties**

Procurement of professional teams has commenced and is to be finalised by 29 April 2022 for the following areas.

Umlazi Shallcross Cato Manor KwaMashu



### Land assembly

Process	Progress	Deadline	Comment
Identify areas affected by floods such as informal settlements and halls and schools where people were relocated to.	In process	29 April	Most areas were located on spatial databases.  Not all areas exist on databases
Identify vacant land through satellite imagery	Complete		77 766 properties were identified in eThekwini Metro - This equates to 17 780 hectares
Receive asset registers from government departments	In process	15 May	<ul> <li>616 properties received from NDPWI across the province</li> <li>614 were located, of which bulk (258) were in eThekwini</li> <li>193 properties received from PDPWI</li> </ul>
Identify vacant land within 5 km from affected areas and people housed in community facilities	In process	29 May	Example selected in Tongaat area
Verify whether the land is vacant or not by using building layers	In process	26 April	Data set received from eThekwini in 2020 Eliminate land parcels with buildings
Assess land i.t.o geophysical constraints such as:  Slope  1 in 100-year flood plain  Intersected by river/streams and/or wetlands  In Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)  In Ecological Support Area (ESA)  In Protected Area  Affected by Geohazards (active land slide, flood risk, high water table, highly erodible, steep, unstable, etc.)	In process	31 May	<ul> <li>Of the 616 NDPWI land parcels across the province</li> <li>258 land parcels (41.88%) do not have geophysical constraints</li> <li>15 (5.8%) out of the 258 land parcels in eThekwini do not have geophysical constraints</li> <li>193 PDPWI properties need to be assessed</li> <li>44 properties (22.79%) do not have geophysical constraints</li> <li>Of the 77 766 vacant land parcels identified in eThekwini</li> <li>17 931 properties (23.05%) do not have geophysical constraints</li> <li>A total of 18 233 properties recommended for physical site visits</li> </ul>

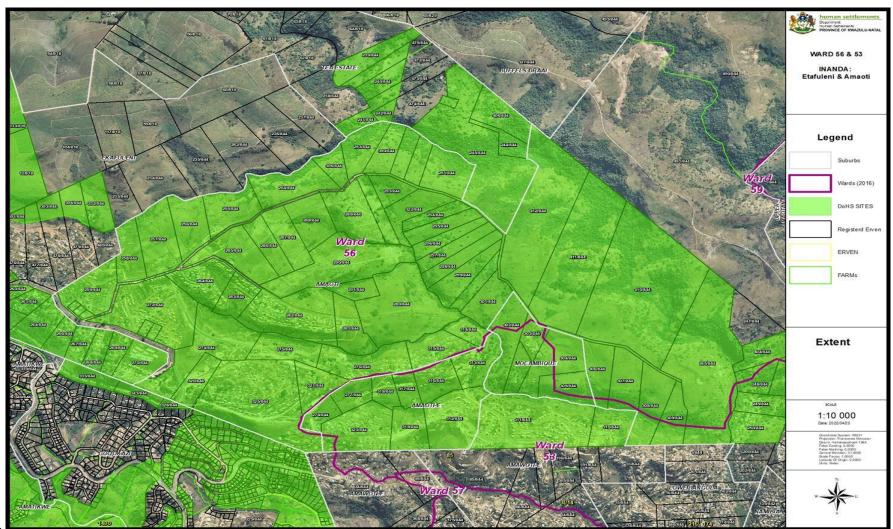


### Implementation plan- Land identification





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### Progress on interventions

5 contractors appointed to build TRUs. All allocated 200 units to start with in eThekwini, uGu and iLembe districts.

Beneficiary profiling and assessments have commenced in all districts.

Construction has commenced in iLembe and eThekwini. uGu to commence on 25 April.

Meeting held with National Housing Finance Corporation and National Homebuilders Registration Council to refine and operationalise the voucher system to repair partially damaged units.

Assessment tool for uniformity is available, NHBRC has submitted. Vouchers to be categorised according to severity of damage and work order will be issued to contractors on database. Payment will be done by NHFC for completed work.

Procurement of suppliers to issue material to individuals is in progress to be

finalised by 26 April 2022.

	Completely Damaged Units	Current SCM Approval	Construction Started
Ugu	511	200 Units	Yes
Ilembe	454	200 Units	Yes
Ethekwini	3000	600 Units	Yes



### FORMWORK FOR TEMPORARY SHELTERS





### **SLAB FOR TEMPORARY SHELTERS**





### FRAME STRUCTURE FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER





### FIXING PANELS FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER





### COMPLETED TEMPORARY SHELTER





#### IMPLEMENTATION OF IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BY HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

#### 1. Temporary Residential Units/TRA

At final stages of procurement for :

- 600 units for Ethewini,
- 200 for Ugu ,and
- 200 for Illembe.

It must be noted that all allocations did not exceed the subsidy quantum. No report required to PT or AG as the existing panel was used using normal allocations rules.

SCM have advertised to form a supplementary panel to assist with TRU's for this specific disaster. The due date for responses is 29 April. The evaluation will be done on 30 April and BAC will approve on 1 May 2022. Work can be allocated from 2 May 2022.

#### 2. Material Vouchers

We will be using both options ( standard pack and catalogue system) Request for quotations gone out to service providers to quote per our list of items. These will be received and ready for allocation by Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. We await the requisition and list of areas to start. This will be reported to PT and AG as required for Emergency procurement.



#### **STATUTORY AND REGULATORY MATTERS**

Environmental Management – Sect 30A Deviation	
<ul> <li>Meeting held with EDTEA and Municipalities to map the process to be followed and cut off for submissions is Monday, 25/05/2022</li> <li>FORMS ISSUED AND GUIDELINES AND CIRCULAR WITH DIRECTIVES</li> </ul>	KZNDHS/MUNICIPALITI ES
<ul> <li>ENGAGEMENT OF DRDLR on a need for a similar approach going forward – during this window of opportunity to fast track the planning approval processes</li> </ul>	KZNDHS/NDHS

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