



SEKHUKHUNE
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MEDIA STATEMENT

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BEWARE OF THE COMING STORM

Residents of Sekhukhune District Municipality are urged to be on high alert because of extreme rainfall that is expected on Sunday 24, 2021, continuing into the following day on Monday, as forecast by the South African Weather Service (SAWS).

The SAWS warns of possible “flooding, damage to roads and bridges, as well as possible displacement of affected communities.”

According to the SAWS, the impending rainfall in the eastern lowveld and escapement of Limpopo, Mpumlanga and KwaZulu-Natal, emanates from the Tropical Storm “Eloise” that had already moved through Madagascar and parts of Mozambique.

The District Disaster Management Centre of Sekhukhune District Municipality has prepared itself to respond and rescue residents who may be stranded in a possible disaster situation.

Together with coordinators in all four local municipalities, the disaster management team will keep a close eye on the situation round the clock.

While every person is potentially vulnerable, those who live in wetlands, near rivulets (streams) and rivers must be on high alert.

Residents who stay in mud houses and those who put stones or heavy objects on their rooftops, are equally advised to be vigilant.

Pedestrians should not cross rivers and motorists must not drive through submerged culverts and bridges.

Residents are requested to check on their neighbours and help provide alternative shelter when necessary and possible to do so.

Residents are encouraged to call the following personnel whenever they need assistance.

Abram Mangoato:

Manager for Disaster Management.

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For both Elias Motsoaledi and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities

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