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Department of Disaster Management Affairs

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UPDATE ON EFFECTS OF TROPICAL CYCLONE FREDDY (as at 2PM)

The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) in the the office of the President and Cabinet would like to inform the general public that it has received fresh preliminary reports from councils, on damages caused by Tropical Cyclone Freddy (TCF).

DoDMA has received rapid assessment reports on flooding, mudslides and strong winds damages from 12 affected councils namely; Blantyre City, Blantyre District, Chikwawa, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Mulanje, Neno, Nsanje, Phalombe, Thyolo, Zomba City and Zomba District.

A total of 13, 099 (approximately 58,946 people) have been affected, out of which 4,305 (approximately 19, 371 people) have been displaced, with 57 camps set to accommodate the displaced. The death toll has risen from 99 (as reported in our previous update dated 13th March, 2023) to 190 with 584 injured and 37 reported missing.

Meanwhile, the department, humanitarian partners and councils continue to facilitate the provision of relief assistance to affected and displaced households, with search and rescue operations led by the Malawi Defence Force, the Malawi Police Service, the Department of Marine, the Malawi Red Cross Society and communities; underway.

DoDMA has readily available relief items in strategic places and has since dispatched the items for use by displaced and affected communities.

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

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