**8th March 2019**

**ZOMBA DISTRICT COUNCIL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON DISASTER CAUSED BY PERSISTENT RAINFAL**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Zomba District has not been spared from the disaster that has hit the country especially the Southern Region of Malawi as a result of the persistent rainfall that has been falling for the past 4 days. All the 11 Traditional Authorities have in one way or the other been affected. **A total of 29,892** **houses have collapsed** and **3,255 families are in evacuation centers such as schools, churches and other Government facilities.** Reports are still coming on the magnitude of the disaster. The State President His Excellency Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika has declared a national State of Disaster.

Zomba District Civil Protection Committee (DCPC) convened an emergency meeting in the Council Chamber on Saturday 9th March, 2019 to discuss and map a way forward on how to approach the disaster in a coordinated and collaborative manner.

This is therefore a report of the DCPC meeting. The report gives details in terms of the effects of the disaster in terms of affected households per Traditional Authority, the number of evacuation centers per Traditional Authorityand the immediate needs of the Internally Displaced People. It also includes revamping of the clusters, recommendations and conclusions.

1. **IMPRESSION OF THE DISASTER ON THE DISTRICT**

The general impression so far is that this has been one of the devastating disasters in terms of magnitude. It is estimated that a cumulative total of 29,892 households have been affected so far and the figure is most likely going to rise. It is estimated that a total of 56 camps have so far been created the highest number of camps being 18 in TA Mwambo, TA Chikowi has 13, TA Malemia has 8, S/TA Ngwelero has 6, S/TA Nkapita has 4, S/TA Mbiza has 4, S/TA Ntholowa has 3.

1. **DEATHS**

So far four people have died as a result of the disaster. These are from Senior Chiefs Malemia and Chikowi. For Malemia those that have died are Esmie Kachaso aged 7 from Mdumu village and a four months old baby from Mamu village which. Those from Chikowi are Fanny Namathanga, 85 years from Chisawa village and Chipiliro Mpemba, five months old from Nampemba village.

1. **CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF FIGURES FROM ALL THE TRADITIONAL AUTHROTIES SO FAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No** | **TA** | **No. of hhs affected** | **Evacuation centres** | **No. of HHs in evacuation centres** |
| 1 | Ngwelero | 4050 | * Tipilire CBCC |  |
| * Mikundi CBCC |  |
| * Chikomwe Primary School |  |
| * Ngwelero EPA |  |
| * Kasimu Primary School |  |
| * Sunuzi Primary School |  |
|  |  |
| 2 | Kuntumanji | 2385 | * No camp report as at now |  |
| 3 | Nkapita | 2436 | * Nthemba School | 7 |
| * Kalidzinje Shed | 10 |
| * Mtangawe | 10 |
| * Nyaka CBCC | 10 |
| * Gwaza Station | 6 |
| 4 | Chikowi | 5722 | * Namangale Grain Bank |  |
| * Chikala School |  |
| * Chalomwe Primary School |  |
| * Namakungwa |  |
| * Likoko Mosque |  |
| * Mandawala CBCC |  |
| * Mtangatanga Primary School |  |
| * Tillie Secondary S |  |
| * Namatapa | 108 |
| * Mchenga * Jimu CBCC * Namwera Catholic Church |  |
| 5 | Mwambo | 7373 | * Nakhombe School | 105 |
| * Mbilima Centre | 75 |
| * Likangala Primary | 102 |
| * Mitole School | 125 |
| * Ngundu CBCC | 265 |
| * St Patrics Church | 106 |
| * Mulawa Centre | 86 |
| * Kankhomba School | 140 |
| * Thofa Centre | 48 |
| * Phuwe Centre | 77 |
| * Baptist Church | 95 |
| * Sayima Primary | 87 |
| * Chizimba Centre | 50 |
| * Milala Primary | 165 |
| * Namachete School | 227 |
| * Muonekera Centre | 130 |
| * Sekwere Centre | 110 |
| * Magomero | 30 |
|  |  |
| 6 | M`biza | 1927 | * Khulubvi Primary School * Mateketa Primary School * Mulinga Primary School * Sunuzi Irriagation Scheme | 106  58  60  10 |
| 7 | Ntholowa | 1350 | * Mtimaoyera School * Makoka School * Gologota School |  |
| 8 | Malemia | 3000 | * Nsosa | 260 |
| * Masambuka | 29 |
| * Songani | 5 |
| * Nyamuka | 200 |
| * Ayido | 60 |
| * Mchengawedi | 123 |
| * Kanjuli School | 75 |
| * Likonde School | 20 |
| * Lifani School | 75 |
| 9 | Mkumbira | 243 |  |  |
| 10 | Nkagula | 1086 |  |  |
| 11 | Mlumbe | 320 |  |  |
|  | **Totals** | **29892** |  | **3255** |

**2.0. WAY FORWARD ISSUES**

Following the declaration of State of Disaster by the Head of State His Excellency Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika, Zomba District Council has operationalized its emergency clusters to ably respond to the disaster. The following are the clusters that have been activated and their membership.

1. Food Security Cluster

Membership to this cluster includes the following;

* Council secretariat
* CADECOM
* Agriculture
* Emmanuel International
* World Vision International
* WFP
* Malawi Red Cross

1. **WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE CLUSTER**

Membership in this cluster includes the following key sectors and NGOs;

* DEHO
* District Water Development Officer
* WVI
* Amref Health Africa
* Evidence Action
* Emmanuel International

1. **Camp and Shelter Management Cluster**

Membership to this cluster includes the following;

* DPW
* Education
* Rural Housing
* Malawi Red Cross
* MDF

1. **Education Cluster**

Membership is as follows:

* DEM
* DSWO
* World Vision International
* Community Development
* YODEP
* SAFE
* PASD
* WFP
* SCI

1. **Health Cluster**

Membership is as follows:

* DHSS
* Martenity World Wide
* Onse
* SCI
* EI
* Macro
* Egpaf

1. **Social Protection Cluster:**

Membership is as follows:

* DSWO
* Police
* YODEP
* Shine Relief Trust
* SAFE
* Future Vision Ministries
* PASD
* Action Hope
* Mlambe Health and Social Trust
* Mary`s Meals

1. **Transport and logistics Cluster:**

Membership is as follows:

* DOA
* DPW
* MDF
* WFP
* Red Cross
* Fisheries
* Police

1. **Agriculture cluster:**

Membership is as follows:

* DADO
* FAO
* WFP
* CADECOM
* WVI
* EI

IX. **Nutrition Clustrer**

Membership is as follows:

Nutrition office at DC’s office

Health

Agriculture

World Vision International

Future Vision Ministries

Mary`s Meals

PASD

MhEST

X. **Coordination Cluster**

Membership is as follows:

DC and all heads of clusters as follows;

* DEM
* DADO
* DEHO
* DHO
* DPD
* DPW
* ADDMRO

**3.0. IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE AFFECTED PEOPLE**

* Food - this will include maize, beans
* Shelter - tents a total of 25 tents (72\*72) for those that are currently affected but are occupying schools.
* Blankets
* Clothes
* Buckets
* Plates
* Pots
* Medication
* Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) e.g At Chikomwe Primary School there is a shortage of toilets
* 3,255 families are in camps and the immediate needs are food and WASH facilities
* For STA Ngwelero one of the schools that is being used as an evacuation centre has developed serious cracks. RED Cross promised to release one tent to be used as shelter instead of hazardous school block.
* For tents the district has some tents that were used in the 2015 disaster. These being assessed and a request will be made to DoDMA and partners
* On food, WFP, Mary’s Meals, CADECOM and others promised to support as well.

**4.0. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. There is need to ensure that all relief items and support goes through the office of the District Commissioner for proper coordination. The DC gave an assurance that such support will be acknowledged.
2. First meeting for clusters will be held on Monday to look at recovery efforts and come up with an action plan. For example agriculture will assess issues of crop damage among others.
3. There is need for fuel to support in the verification and thorough assessment of the magnitude of the disaster as this report is largely based on rapid assessment.
4. There is need for a special consideration from DHASP that those affected should be given priority.
5. The District Commissioner for Zomba will link up with the center on the need to pay MASAF wages for those beneficiaries that worked on the projects in the communities so as to alleviate their suffering.

**5**.**0**. **CONCLUSION**

The effects of this disaster have not been fully manifested yet. There is need for continuous updating of each other to ensure that no one is left out. Proper coordination, dedication and commitment to duty is paramount since every second counts in disasters of such magnitude. Serving the affected people with passion and integrity is essential.

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**Meeting Chairman:**

Emmanuel Bambe (District Commissioner)