



**Republic of Malawi**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET**

**Department of Disaster Management Affairs**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**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 inform the general public that it has received preliminary reports from councils, on damages caused by effects of Moderate Tropical Storm ANA, following a warning from the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS).

DoDMA has received rapid assessment reports on flooding and strong winds damages from Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Mulanje District Councils.

Reports from Mulanje indicate that one person has died and 30 have sustained various degree of injuries following ANA-induced heavy rains that have led to flooding and collapsed houses. The reports further indicate that nine Traditional Aunorities (TAs) have been affected and in the meantime, displaced households have sought refuge in churches and schools.

In Chikwawa, the M1 Road has been cut-off at Thabwa, and Nchalo, with TAs Lundu, Kasisi, Maseya, Mulilima and Ngowe heavily affected by flooding. Reports also indicate that Chapananga Bridge on the Chikwawa-Mwanza Road has its approaches cut-off.

In Nsanje, Makhanga and Nyachikadza areas have been cut-off with some households feared to be trapped by floods in Nyachikadza.

In Phalombe, TAs Jenala, Namasoko and Phweremwe have been heavily affected causing the Mwanga-Jenala Road impassable.

Currently, councils are conducting assessments to establish the extent of damage and assisting all those in need.

Meanwhile, the department has deployed a search and rescue team comprising the Malawi Defence Force, Malawi Police Service, the Department

of Marine, the Malawi Red Cross Society and other stakeholders to assist in rescuing people feared to be trapped.

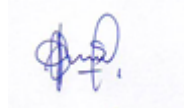
The department is also establishing an emergency operation centre in Blantyre, to coordinate and ease response operations in the wake of ANA, which is expected to affect most parts of the southern region.

DoDMA has readily available relief items in strategic places for provision of assistance to people affected by disasters or those rendered destitute. The department is, in collaboration with councils and various humanitarian organisations setting camps to accommodate displaced households.

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

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