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WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WARMA)

PRESS STATEMENT

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FLOODS ALERTS IN MILENGE, KABOMPO, LUKULU, SENANGA, KITWE, MAMBWE, AND SOLWEZI DISTRICTS

The Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) is mandated by the Water Resources Management Act No. 21 of 2011, to conduct drought and flood forecasts. The Authority's flood monitoring system has detected flood alerts in Luapula, Kapompo, Lukulu, Senanga, Kitwe, Mambwe, and Solwezi Districts.

Details are that **Luapula River in Milenge District** currently showing a trigger of medium floods likely to reach their peak on **14 February 2023**. The flood will affect settlements around the area namely Kasembe Health Center, Kapalala, Kanshela, and Kalunde villages. Further, the floods will affect villages near the Sokontwe area. **Luapula River in Chembe District** is likely to experience a medium flood in magnitude and is expected to reach its peak on the **14th of February 2023**. Villages around the Matanda area are likely to be affected. **Kabompo River in Kabompo District** is seen to experience medium floods likely to reach its peak on the **30th of January 2023**. The settlements, fields and infrastructure close to the river banks around Kabompo town are likely to be affected. **Zambezi River in Lukulu District** is likely to experience medium floods which will reach their peak on 19th February/2023.

Zambezi River in Senanga District is likely to experience medium flood likely to reach its peak on the 13th of February 2023. **Kafue River in Kitwe District** – The River is currently showing a trigger of severe **flood** expected to reach the peak on the **12th of February 2023**. The floods are expected to affect settlements around the area specifically, Kwacha, Bulangililo, Ipusikilo, Chipata, Musonda, Mpelembe Secondary School, Luangwa, and Malembeka residential areas are likely to be affected by the floods. **Msandile River in Mambwe District** will experience mild to medium flooding likely to peak on **13th February 2023**. The flood will affect settlements near the Msandile River Banks. **Mutanda River in Solwezi District** is currently showing a trigger of medium **flood** likely to graduate to **severe flood** and is likely to reach the peak on **28 January 2023**.

Therefore, the residents in the vicinity of the above river systems should be on high alert. The Authority shall continue to monitor the situation daily and will offer updates as the situation changes in the flood monitoring system.

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