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## WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WARMA)

### PRESS STATEMENT

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6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

#### FLOOD WARNING ALERT IN NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE ALONG ZAMBEZI RIVER

The Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) is mandated by the Water Resources Management Act No. 21 of 2011, to conduct drought and flood forecasts and inform relevant stakeholders,

Our flood monitoring system has picked flood alerts in three different points with 100% probability of occurrence. The monitoring system indicates that floods will reach their peak in the next few days; two alerts are on the Zambezi River and one alert on the Lungwebungu River. The high rise in the river flows is likely to affect the Chavuma, Zambezi and Mitete Districts.

Details are that Zambezi River in Zambezi District is currently showing a trigger of a medium flood likely to reach the peak on the 14/01/2023. This will affect settlements around the area Kashona School and Kalyamba, Kawombasango, Chizunda, Muwema, Njolomba, Kanyomvu and Kalunde villages. Lungwebungu River in Mitete District is likely to experience a severe flood reaching their peak 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Zambezi River in Chavuma District is expected to experience a medium flood which will peak on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The areas on the west bank of the Zambezi River around Chavuma town will be affected.

The Authority wishes to alert members of the public especially those in the named areas to take precautionary measures. WARMA will continue monitoring the situation for any changes in the flood, water levels and river flows in Zambia.

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