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WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WARMA)

PRESS STATEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FLOOD FORECAST ALERT IN KALUMBILA DISTRICT

The Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) is mandated by the Water Resources Management Act No. 21 of 2011, to conduct drought and flood forecasts. Our flood monitoring system as of the 3rd of April, 2023 shows a likelihood of severe floods on the Mutanda River in North Western Province affecting Kalumbila District. The flood monitoring system further shows that the probability of occurrence for these floods is 100 percent.

Details are that Mutanda River a tributary of Lunga River in Kalumbila District is currently showing a trigger of severe flooding which is likely to reach the peak on the 5th of April 2023. The floods will affect settlements around the Mutanda area particularly communities settled near the bridge at Solwezi-Mutanda Road.

We, therefore, want to warn the residents in the vicinity of the above river systems to be on high alert and avoid crossing flooded roads and bridges. We further wish to advise the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) and other responsible agencies to urgently take all the necessary measures to prepare for the potential disaster that may occur because of these floods. However, WARMA will continue to monitor the situation daily and will offer updates as the situation changes in the flood monitoring system.

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