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Heavy rainfall - road accidents and destruction of human settlements in KZN

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We have noticed an increase in road accidents along the N3, N2 and other routes as a result of heavy rainfall. In addition, we have received reports of heavy rainfall in low lying areas. This will result in possible flooding of houses.

I have interacted with heads of both departments - Siboniso Mbhele and Mdu Zungu, and I am satisfied with the plans that have been put in place to ensure that we respond with a high sense of urgency.

Transport

1. A highly dedicated team from Road Traffic Inspectorate working with municipalities is monitoring the flow of traffic across all major routes to ensure the safety of motorists.
2. Since the 1st of January, around 10 people have died on our roads. With the rain, the roads are slippery. We are requesting motorists to be extra careful.

Human Settlements

1. Working with a team from the national department of Human Settlements, we are currently intervening in municipalities where heavy rainfall and strong winds resulted in the destruction of houses.
2. About eight Temporary Residential Units are being procured to assist families whose houses were totally destroyed in Nkandla. Four other families will receive building material.

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