

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC MAILE VISITS FLOOD STRICKEN SEDIBENG

Earlier today 21 February 2023, Gauteng's MEC for Human Settlements and Infrastructure Development Lebogang Maile together with Sedibeng District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Lerato Maloka, visited flood-stricken areas to assess the impact and damages caused by heavy rains, which led to several families being displaced.

The District Municipality has activated various units including Municipal Emergency Services (EMS), to work around the clock to assist and evacuate affected households and offer food relief and temporary accommodation. The total number of households affected stands at three hundred and twenty nine (329).

"We are satisfied that the Municipality has provided leadership and taken full responsibility to help those affected. We don't want a situation where our people feel neglected and helpless during this time of need" said MEC Maile.

The Provincial Government will reinforce the Municipality's intervention plans through sister-departments; namely CoGTA, Provincial Disaster Management and Social Development, to give much needed humanitarian relief to affected households. There are (14) fourteen areas mostly affected across the Municipality, located in wetlands and low-lying areas.

"We commend the work done thus far by the Municipality. We will communicate with our counterparts in the Executive to act swiftly and provide all the required support, from human capital to financial resources" said MEC Maile.

The floods have caused damage to the Municipality's already ailing infrastructure. A holistic impact assessment will be consolidated, involving the three spheres of Government. Such an impact assessment will be anchored around immediate and long-term solutions.

The Rescue Services have now intensified their search operations of two (2) missing persons.

"We are hopeful that our Rescue Operations team will find the two missing persons. The affected families want to reunite with their loved ones" concluded MEC Maile.

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