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JOINT PRESS RELEASE: WARNING: TROPICAL CYCLONE DINEO

Tropical cyclone Dineo associated with strong winds (gusting approximately 160km/h) and heavy downpours wreaked havoc in Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The Namibia Meteorological Service regularly issued advisories about the cyclone both on the national television and radios since Tuesday, 14 February 2017, to keep our citizens alert.

The cyclone has changed in intensity and has therefore been reclassified as a tropical depression. It is currently situated over western Mozambique, southern Zimbabwe and Botswana. The tropical depression would move towards Namibia by early Saturday, 18 February 2017. Heavy torrential rains accompanied by strong winds reaching gale force at times are expected on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

It is emphasized that cyclonic systems such as these abruptly change direction and intensity, hence the Meteorological Service would continue to issue regular updates.

Please call for information and updates:

Meteorological Service Division for weather forecasts: 061 2877028 or 0811220514

Directorate Disaster Risk Reduction for emergency response and mitigation: 0811297117

Hydrological Division for river and dam levels and possibility of flooding: 0811244180

FORECAST FOR 17/02/2017

Partly cloudy and warm to hot with isolated thundershowers but scattered over

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the central-North, Erongo and Kunene regions.

FORECAST FOR 18/02/2017

Partly cloudy and warm to hot with isolated to scattered thundershowers, but widespread over the Eastern Otjozondjupa, Eastern Hardap and Omaheke regions with strong winds.

FORECAST FOR 19/02/2017

Partly cloudy and warm with widespread showers and thundershowers over the Eastern Otjozondjupa, Eastern Hardap and Omaheke regions with strong winds.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

- Stay indoors during storms
- Avoid Insecure structures that are at risk of being blown away by wind
- Avoid overhead electricity power lines
- Store water supplies to last your family at for 3 days
- Switch off gas and electricity during the storm
- Avoid being in the open or taking shelter under trees to prevent exposure to lightening or injury from falling trees
- Inform the police and local authorities of fallen power lines
- Make sure all electrical equipment is switched off and unplugged
- Make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked
- For any challenge one may face kindly do let any of your colleagues know of your whereabouts
- Reconsider planned trips, drives, outings and meetings
- Do make sure you do not have open fires, hand gas or candles on (keep torches handy and warm clothing)
- Avoid crossing and driving in flood areas and rivers
- Emergency numbers to call, Police 10111 (hope they can respond), emergency and Paramedics in their respective areas. This is important unless we are advised otherwise. We also encourage that you inform or warn your relatives wherever they are.

The Zambezi River level at Katima Mulilo is currently at 2.22 m and level remains above normal and higher than last year for this time of the year.

The Kavango River level at Nkurenkuru recorded an increase of 16cm, and it is currently at 2,16m. The Rundu levels are expected to rise in coming days.

Cuvelai

The first flood waters have been reported in some of the main Cuvelai lishanas.

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There is possibility of floods developing in Western Cuvelai Catchment (Western Outapi) due to heavy rains received in the catchment.

The lower Orange River level at Blouputs station recorded an increase of 17cm this morning, it is currently at 0.63m. Levels for the Fish/Orange River remain higher than last year during this time of the year.

According to NAMWATER's dam bulletin, Von Bach Dam remains at 41.5%, Naute Dam is currently at 94.2%, Omatoko Dam is at 20.2% and Hardap Dam remains at 67.4%.

River	Site	Water Levels (m)				
		One week before	one day before	Today	last year	normal for
		10-Feb-17	16 February 2017	17 February 2017	17-Feb-2016	17-Feb
Zambezi	Katima Mulilo	2.18	2.22	2.22	1.74	2.16
Chobe	Ngoma Gate	0.57	0.61	0.64	0.06	
Kwando	Kongola	2.38	2.35	2.34		
	Camp-Kwando					
Kavango	Nkurenkuru	2.18	2.06	2.16	2.01	
	Rundu	5.22	4.79	4.75	5.61	5.24
	Mukwe	3.29	3.17	3.12	3.18	
Kuisieb	Gobabeb		0.02			
	Schlesien	-	-	-		
Gaub	Greylingshof	-	-	-		
Fish/Orange	Seeheim	-	-	-		
	Tses	1.52	0.29	0.27	0.26	
	AiAis		0.11	0.90	0.23	
	Blouputs	0.28	0.46	0.63	0.24	
	Sendelingdrift	0.43	0.54	0.53	0.39	
Cuvelai	Endola			0.39		
	Shanalumona			0.16		
	Okatana					
	Shakambembe			0.49		
	Shahaingu			0.34		
Kunene	Oshakati			0.28		
	Ruacana	1.42	1.40	1.41	2.80	
	Ruacana Flows (m ³ /s) (=)	224.3			337.9	

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