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COGTA CAUTIONS COMMUNITIES IN MPUMALANGA OF THE HEAVY RAINS IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS

MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga Ms Refilwe Mtshweni has cautioned all communities to take precautions during expected heavy rain today and tomorrow with damaging winds and hail.

The South African Weather Services (SAWS) has warned of heavy and severe thunderstorms over the extreme eastern parts of Ehlanzeni and Gert Sibande Districts

COGTA's Disaster Management unit and Disaster Management units in municipalities are on high alert to provide support in case of emergencies. "We appeal to all our communities to take precautionary and safety measures in case of the heavy rain to prevent a loss of lives," Ms Mtshweni warned. She further advised communities about the following:

- To avoid crossing over flooded rivers, dams and water streams.
- To stay on higher grounds.
- To keep away children from flooded streams, dams and rivers during stormy conditions.
- Not to walk under power lines to prevent lightning.

Communities are urged to call the Provincial Disaster Toll free number for emergencies. The number is **0800 202 507**.

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