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**FUNDING APPROVED FOR ELIOSE DISASTER**

As part of the emergency housing programme intervention Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlements has been approved of **R41 million** for relief following the devastating Eloise disaster which wrack havoc as it landed in Mpumalanga earlier in the year. The said funding was approved by the National Department of Human Settlements meant to provide for emergency and short-term assistance to households affected or impacted by disaster through, provision of temporary shelter, temporary relocation of households to safer accommodation and/or shelter as well as repairs to damaged houses.

Mpumalanga MEC for Human Settlements welcomes this intervention, as it will go a long way in providing relief to those affected by the storm. "It is important that we hit the ground running in assisting all those affected by storm and we must be appreciative of the availed and approved funding. We must however, note that this is a conditional grant as we are only expected spend the maximum of **R64 441** on repairs per house", he said. He also added that after verification the Department could record the **640** damaged houses.

The affected houses were found in the following municipalities: Mbombela, Bushbuckridge, Albert Luthuli, Mkhondo, Msukaligwa, Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme and Thaba Chweu. Non-RDP houses will only be considered if the beneficiaries are low-income earners and can prove to the satisfaction of the Department that they are not able to repair their own houses. Beneficiaries in affected mud houses and shacks will have to be screened and thereafter, fill the application form for subsidized low-cost houses (RDP).

The following groups or criteria is used for determination of those qualifying for assistance. In certain cases, households or persons with a monthly income exceeding the maximum income set for subsidisation as approved by MINMEC may also apply for assistance under this programme, households headed by minors; persons without dependants as well as persons who are not first-time home-owners. The programme will also benefit all affected persons who are not able to address their housing emergency from their own resources or from other sources such as the proceeds of house insurance policies.

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