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Summary

Content

Roads Infrastructure, Culverts, Bridges and access to different areas around the country

General Information:

The collection of data to formulate a report is an ongoing exercise and this report will continuously be updated on a weekly basis as and when information is received from the various districts around the country. The is based on information collected from the Road Development Agency, RDA and from the Director of Works(Ministry of Local Government and Housing) at District levels.

The information available for this reporting period is from Southern and Eastern provinces for the category covering roads, culverts and bridges so far. However, a comprehensive list of pontoons around the country has been compiled and present herein.

Considerable are being made to ensure we have information from other districts on roads infrastructure. Even the list submitted of the particular provinces in this report will still have to be updated.

Lusaka

Lusaka province has received above normal rainfall as evident from the floods in selected parts of the Capital.

Flood affected areas

1.0 Kanyama, Misisi, Chawama-Kuku have been heavily hit by floods. Kanyama stands out as the highly affected area with most of the roads impassable. Passage even to the health centre is a risk. The health facility is in floods.

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The water is infectious considering that pit latrines in the area have collapsed contaminating the stagnant waters. Some of these waters find their way in homes.

1.0 (i) Government have embarked on an exercise of pumping out excess waters from Kanyama and other areas to try and ensure normal passage and traffic. It is a slow process with marginal success. At the time houses were being constructed in these area sanitation, drainage and/sewer systems were not addressed hence the emanating problems.

2.0 Kamwala South, Kabwata-Kamwala Site and Service, Makeni (selected parts), Makeni (Kasupe areas) all have not been spared by the floods. Roads are flooded with no escape 'hordes'.

3.0 Kalikiliki, George and Chipata compound. In fact in Chipata compound there cases of Cholera in the area as a result of floods and poor sanitation in the area. The roads are flooded.

4.0 Chazanga, Kabanana, Mandevu (North of the Catholic Church), Kaunda Square Stage 1, Garden-Chilulu (selected areas), Luangwa. The roads are flooded in these areas. In Garden-Chilulu the roads are slippery and muddy because of the existence of black soil the area is located in dumpy and swampy catchments.

5.0 Northmead (Manchichi Road), Avondale (Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe Rd) and Soweto market area. Soweto market area is always a nightmare during the rainy season. With these persistent rains it is worse. The road is slippery and muddy. Motorists park their vehicles and walk for easy access.

Eastern Province

Information has been compiled on roads, culverts and bridges from Lundazi, Nyimba, Chipata, Petauke and Chama Districts in Excel spreadsheets. Details of infrastructure are given per district on separate spreadsheets. It is a general understanding that the rains have had a devastating effect on most of the roads in Eastern Province. A similar trend is expected in other districts like Chadiza.

Please see attached file marked EP Roads (Eastern Province Roads) for ease of reference.

Southern Province

The Southern Province has also not been spared in the 2007/2008 rainy season which has seen some roads being rendered impassable and thereby making access to the affected areas difficult. Only three districts have been reported in update namely: Sinazongwe, Choma and Namwala.

Please see attached file marked SP Roads (Southern Province Roads) for ease of reference.

Pontoons

There are a total of 15 pontoons around the country. Access within the country and across waters has been hampered by the rise in the river basins. This has generally made very difficult for pontoons to function at all.

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Most of the pontoons around the country are functional.

The constraint for now is that the pontoons have no where to 'dock' as the water levels are above normal. Once the water levels in various water basins where these pontoons are located recede the pontoons will resume normal function.

Only the Kazungula pontoon in Southern Province is operating. This pontoon serves commercial interests between the Zambian and Botswana governments. Regardless, it always operates.

Please see attached file marked Pontoons for details.

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