



**Republic of Malawi**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET**

**Department of Disaster Management Affairs**

**PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR REDUCING THE IMPACT OF THE LOOMING  
TROPICAL CYCLONE**

The Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS), has issued a warning on a looming Tropical cyclone which is expected to affect southern parts of Malawi from Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. The cyclone is expected to be associated with heavy rains and strong winds which are likely to cause heavy flooding and may lead to falling of trees, power lines and structural damage.

In view of the foregoing, the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA), advises the general public to take the following precautions to save lives:

1. Move to safer and higher areas if you are living in flood prone areas.
2. Avoid crossing flooded rivers and walking through running water.
3. If walking through water is the only option to safety, use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
4. Stay away from power lines and electrical wires and report about fallen power lines to authorities.
5. Do not attempt to save personal property at the expense of your lives and that of your family.
6. Exercise extra care during strong winds as they can blow off roofs and cause serious injuries or deaths.
7. Stay away from windows and doors to avoid being hit by blown off objects.
8. If you can manage, provide first aid treatment to the injured and those in shock and call for medical help.

Meanwhile, DoDMA and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) partners have intensified interventions to reduce risks and losses that the looming cyclone may cause by among others, informing local authorities and civil protection committees (structures responsible for implementing DRM programmes at council, traditional authority and group village levels) to intensify calls to have people living in disaster-prone areas relocate to safer places, alerting and putting

on standby the search and rescue teams and sensitizing communities on precautionary measures to be taken in the wake of the cyclone.

The department will, tomorrow, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, hold a press briefing in collaboration with DCCMS to raise awareness on the looming cyclone.

For more information, kindly contact DoDMA's Public Relations Officer, Chipiliro Khamula on 0999 043 228 or 0884 572 844, email, [info.dodma@dodma.gov.mw](mailto:info.dodma@dodma.gov.mw).

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles Kalemba', is centered on a white background.

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**COMMISSIONER FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS**

***Disaster Risk Reduction is Everyone's Responsibility!***