



**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
(WARMA)**

**PRESS STATEMENT
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FLOOD FORECAST ALERT FOR SELECTED AREAS IN THE KAFUE CATCHMENT

The Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) wishes to alert the public and its stakeholders that there is a high likelihood of a 20-year return flood in Kasempa district along the Lubungu and Lunga Rivers from the 27th to 31st January 2021, which will cause flooding in areas along the river banks.

According to our forecast, there is a high probability of a 10-year return flood around Mumbwa at the Hook Bridge, and in areas downstream of the Itezhi-Tezhi Dam (Namwala) and Kasaka hydrometric station on the Kafue River, which is projected to occur around the 7th to 9th February 2021.

Based on the analysis of our hydrological data, the Authority has of late observed increased river flows due to increased rainfall in the above-mentioned areas, with flooding expected to be severe in the same areas and regions around Kasempa and Kelongwa, respectively.

In view of the above, the Authority wishes to advise the public in the affected areas and concern stakeholders to take all the necessary precautionary measures and urgently prepare for the projected flood events to avoid loss of life and property.

Furthermore, being the sole Authority in the Management of Water Resources in the nation as mandated by the Water Resources Management (WRM) Act No. 21 of 2011, WARMA will continue to provide forecasted flood-event updates across the country and will report any observed changes that has potential to cause disaster.

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