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## Context

The rains have continued steadily as we remain with 2 months to go before the end of the rainy season. There are intermittent periods of rain and sunshine, and agriculture experts say this is good for crops. The weather bulletin as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 indicates that there was an increase in rainfall activities over south-western parts of Western province. Cholera continues being a problem and the Government with some cooperating partners have continued responding to the situation. There are few reports of flooding in the traditional flood prone areas of North Western province and some areas of Kabwe in Central province.

## Current Situation/Response

### *Agriculture and Meteorological Conditions*

In Lusaka, Eastern and Central provinces, most stations recorded more rainfall than their normal for a ten (10) day period. Flash floods were also reported over these areas. Kabwe, Mumbwa and Chipata received more than 200mm while Ndola, Kafironda, Senanga, Gwembe, Lusaka International Airport and Lusaka City Airport recorded rainfall between 150 -200mm. Significant amounts of rainfall were also recorded over Sinazeze, Siachitema (Siavonga district), Munyumbwe, Maamba and Lusitu. A reduction in rainfall has been recorded over the northern half of Zambia where most stations recorded rainfall below their ten-day normal. Mwinillunga in north western province recorded the lowest rainfall of 29mm. The average rain days, countrywide, has been 6 days out of 10.

There were reports of floods in North western province and in central province, specifically Kabwe urban, in Chowa township, was flooded due to a blocked canal. It is not yet clear how many people were affected but the Government moved in to clear the canal through the department of water affairs. For the north western province, there is normal flooding and according to a report by the DMMU regional office in Ndola, the floods had not affected any populations, as such they were just monitoring the situation and had prepositioned relief items such as food for the populations that will be cut off. Zambezi west is usually cut off from Zambezi east (where the administration is situated) annually. The Government is aware of what is happening and have adequately prepared for an emergency should there be one.

It has also been reported that both basal and top dressing fertilisers were delivered late in most areas and those that qualified for the Fertiliser Support Programme did not get enough fertiliser to cover the area under cultivation. The General Picture country wide is that crops are doing well and the maize crop in some areas started flowering. The flowering stage is a critical stage in maize crop as it requires the right amount of water to support the development of grains. Planting of tubers (Cassava and Sweet Potatoes) and legumes (Bean, ground nuts and soya beans) is also under way.

### *Cholera Situation*

According to the Ministry of Health report, the country has had a cumulative total of **3,747 cholera cases for the period 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 to February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009**. (see details in table below). The number of districts affected now stands 22.

Meanwhile the following interventions have been done.

- K200 million (US\$39,000) has been provided to the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company to provide safe water to affected areas daily between 6 AM to 6 PM .
- K240 million (US\$47,000) has been provided to supply portable toilets to affected areas of Lusaka. Out of 55 ordered, a total of 36 have been delivered. The balance is expected in due course.
- The installation of overhead tanks in affected areas has commenced and is on-going. Public awareness campaigns, which includes plays, talks in churches and leaflets and door-to-door campaigns are ongoing.
- MSF are ready to put up a treatment centre in the township of Chawama, but are waiting approval of a plot to put up their tent. MSF has provided much needed medical support to several Health Centers in and around Lusaka especially in unplanned settlements. MSF has also provided temporary latrines.

The Government has not issued a national appeal for assistance, the various partners that are responding are doing so because they have either been approached individually or as part of on-going efforts with the Government.

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## National Cholera cases distribution as at February 03, 2009 - Ministry of Health- Directorate of Public Health

| Province                | District    | Death     | BIDs      | Under Tx   | Cum. Cholera Cases | CFR           | Duration                                    |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|---------------|---|
| Northern                | Mpulungu    | 1         | 5         | 0          | 547                | 0.18%         | 30/09/2008 to 07/12/2008                    |
|                         | Kaputa      | 0         | 0         | 0          | 20                 | 0.00%         | 06/11/2008 to 27/11/2008                    |
|                         | Mbala       | 2         | 0         | 0          | 28                 | 7.14%         | 19/10/2008 to 28/11/2008                    |
| <b>Provincial Total</b> |             | <b>3</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>595</b>         | <b>0.50%</b>  | <b>30/09/2008 to 07/12/2008</b>             |
| Luapula                 | Chienge     | 1         | 1         | 0          | 177                | 0.56%         | 10/09/2008 to 03/12/2008                    |
|                         | Nchelenge   | 4         | 0         | 0          | 286                | 1.40%         | 26/09/2008 to 21/11/2008                    |
| <b>Provincial Total</b> |             | <b>5</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>463</b>         | <b>1.08%</b>  | <b>10/09/2008 to 30/11/2008</b>             |
| Lusaka                  | Lusaka      | 29        | 29        | 189        | 2018               | 1.44%         | 03/10/2008 to 03/02/2009                    |
|                         | Luangwa     | 0         | 0         | 0          | 6                  | 0.00%         | 18/01/2009 to 28/01/2009                    |
|                         | Chongwe     | 0         | 1         | 0          | 6                  | 0.00%         | 25/01/2009 to 28/01/2009                    |
|                         | Kafue       | 0         | 1         | 3          | 15                 | 0.00%         | 10/01/2009 to 28/01/2009                    |
| <b>Provincial Total</b> |             | <b>29</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>2045</b>        | <b>1.42%</b>  | <b>03/10/2008 to 03/02/2009</b>             |
| Southern                | Siavonga    | 1         | 1         | 8          | 120                | 0.83%         | 02/12/2008 to 02/02/2009                    |
|                         | Livingstone | 2         | 2         | 0          | 23                 | 8.70%         | 06/12/2008 to 02/02/2009                    |
|                         | Mazabuka    | 1         | 0         | 1          | 168                | 0.60%         | 09/12/2008 to 02/02/2009                    |
|                         | Sinazongwe  | 0         | 1         | 10         | 123                | 0.00%         | 05/01/2009 to 02/02/2009                    |
|                         | Choma       | 0         | 0         | 9          | 11                 | 0.00%         | 25/01/2009 to 02/02/2009                    |
| <b>Provincial Total</b> |             | <b>4</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>445</b>         | <b>0.90%</b>  | <b>02/12/2008 to 02/02/2009</b>             |
| Central                 | Chibombo    | 0         | 0         | 0          | 2                  | 0.00%         | 07/01/2009 to 07/01/2009                    |
|                         | Kabwe       | 0         | 0         | 12         | 21                 | 0.00%         | 29/01/2009 to 02/02/2009                    |
|                         | Mumbwa      | 4         | 1         | 3          | 124                | 3.23%         | 12/12/2008 to 03/02/2009                    |
| <b>Provincial Total</b> |             | <b>4</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>147</b>         | <b>2.72%</b>  | <b>12/12/2008 to 03/02/2009</b>             |
| Copperbelt              | Ndola       | 1         | 0         | 1          | 12                 | 8.33%         | 30/12/2008, 16/01/2009 to 27/01/2009        |
|                         | Kitwe       | 0         | 0         | 0          | 2                  | 0.00%         | 23/01/2009 to 28/01/2009                    |
|                         | Luanshya    | 1         | 0         | 0          | 1                  | 100.00%       | 15/01/2009                                  |
| <b>Provincial Total</b> |             | <b>2</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>15</b>          | <b>13.33%</b> | <b>30/12/2008, 16/01/2009 to 28/01/2009</b> |

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| North Western          | Solwezi  | 1         | 2         | 3          | 25                 | 4.00%        | 14/12/2008, 16/01/2009 to 03/02/2009 |
| Eastern                | Nyimba   | 2         | 0         | 2          | 12                 | 16.67%       | 20/01/2009 to 03/02/2009             |
| <b>National Totals</b> |          | <b>50</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>3747</b>        | <b>1.33%</b> | <b>10/09/2008 to 03/02/2009</b>      |

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