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## **PRESS STATEMENT ON EL NINO**

Following heavy rains in parts of Tharaka Nithi County, the County Disaster Preparedness and Response Centre wishes to issue an El Nino alert in the County. The rains that have heavily pounded some areas than others signal the start of real El Nino situation.

Already, some roads in Chiakariga and Gatunga Wards, including homesteads have been affected although thankfully no life has been lost.

The CDP&RC also wishes to caution drivers to be careful, especially at night when approaching drifts, flooded parts and bridges. It also advises people residing in areas prone to landslides to move out of danger areas as the County mobilize to high El Nino mode.

Although no life has been lost so far as a result of El Nino deluge, the Centre nevertheless cautions residents to take the alert seriously to avert harm. The

DP&RC assures residents of Tharaka Nithi that all measures have been taken to respond to crisis situations.

In the meantime, the Centre has mobilized teams to repair affected roads in Tharaka North and Tharaka South, sub-counties where roads have been most affected.

Similarly, monitoring teams have been dispersed to identified hotspots throughout the County. The teams' reports alongside those from the public will enable the Centre to effectively and efficiently move in a coordinated manner.

Meanwhile, members of the public are urged to report emergencies to the following numbers, 0722 782 315, 0722 342 491, 0715 882 288 or 0727 511 437.

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