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STATEMENT ON THE FLOODING SITUATION IN KENYA

1. The month of April marked the peak of the ongoing March-April-May (MAM) long rains, except for the coastal region where the rains are expected to peak in May. The weather forecast shows that the country will continue to receive above average rainfall in this new month.
2. The ongoing rainfall will continue to cause flooding and disruption of several social and economic activities. The government therefore, calls upon all citizens to remain vigilant and adhere to the weather and flood alerts as issued regularly by government agencies.
3. The government has completed the mapping out of all the fragile ecosystems around the country, which pose grave dangers to public health and safety in the likely event of further precipitation.
4. Before the end of today, members of the public residing within the risky areas are required to relocate within 48 hours. These include the areas near dams and other water reservoirs in public or private land, areas prone to mudslides and landslides and riparian lands across the country. The government has

finalized on the arrangements to provide alternative accommodation to those who shall be displaced.

5. The National Multi-Agency Emergency Response committee continues to coordinate emergency response efforts from the National Disaster Operations Centre, (NDOC) based at Nyayo House. A needs assessment exercise is going on to ensure that government response is proportionate to the needs of the affected Kenyans.
6. The government has stepped up response with the Kenya Defence Forces already enjoined in recovery and evacuation exercises. Distribution of Food and Non - Food Items (F&NFIs), continues across the country with a relief operation planned for the next two months. Yesterday, the government distributed relief items including rice, beans, fortified foods, blankets, kitchen sets, jikos, solar lamps, sanitary pads to Athi River, Githurai, Garissa, Magarini, Malindi, Rabai and Mathioya sub – counties.
7. The government has also set up a Relief Operations Centre at the National Cereals Produce Board (NCPB). Senior government officials are leading government response efforts in the counties. The First Lady H.E Mama Rachel Ruto will be in Kibra today to lead a relief distribution to affected families.
8. We regret to inform the public that the ongoing floods has led to the unfortunate loss of **10 lives** within the past 24 hours, raising the national flood-related death toll to **179 deaths** (164 adults and 15 children). Additionally, **20 more people** have been reported as missing, putting the national tally of those reported as missing at **90**. Another **125 Kenyans** have been injured and are receiving treatment in health facilities across

the country. The government conveys its sincere condolences to the families and friends who have lost their loved ones, and wishes a quick recovery to the injured.

9. Moreover, the ongoing flooding has led to the displacement of an additional **1,127 households** raising the number of displaced households to **31,341** with **195,011 people** affected. The government has set up displacement camps to provide alternative accommodation to the displaced.
10. We call upon all Kenyans to remain vigilant, adhere to safety guidelines and observe flood alerts. Furthermore, all Kenyans are requested to cooperate fully with emergency responders and local authorities during evacuations or rescue operations, especially in areas mapped out as high-risk areas.
11. To report on flood emergencies, members of the public are advised to reach out to the National Disaster Operations Centre (NDOC) through the toll-free number **0800721571**.
12. The Office of the Government Spokesperson, which is the National Government Communications Centre, will continue giving regular updates to the public on the ongoing flooding emergency and corresponding government response.

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