



**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES**

**STATEMENT ON SEVERE WEATHER WARNING OVER MALAWI FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> TO  
7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

The Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services is issuing a severe weather warning that:

Heavy rains accompanied by strong winds are expected from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 mainly over southern and central areas of Malawi. This is due to the deep low pressure area which initially developed in the Mozambique Channel but has slid over land in Mozambique in Mocuba City, Zambezia Province situated at 370.9 km east of Nsanje Boma with atmospheric pressure value of 1001 millibars and has intensified due to the presence of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone oscillating over southern Malawi.

The anticipated heavy rains could cause floods including flash floods in prone areas while the strong winds may destroy property and endanger life.

To secure property and lives, the public should therefore take precautionary measures such as: (i) moving to higher grounds when water levels have started rising, (ii) avoid crossing flooding rivers and (iii) not seeking shelter under trees and weak infrastructures.

The heavy rains are expected to weaken by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Meanwhile the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services is closely monitoring weather developments which can directly or indirectly affect weather over the country to ensure seamless use of weather information on all timescales by the public and to be kept safe from any weather related threats.

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