

Key Preparedness Actions to be Taken by All Head Teachers

Tropical Storm Chalane is to hit Zimbabwe on 31 December 2020. All parts of Zimbabwe will have heavy rains that can result in flooding, landslides and destruction of infrastructure and resources.

There is an opportunity to prepare your schools and take appropriate actions to minimize the damage to your schools.

The following 9 actions are recommended for all schools, led by the head teachers and supported by the community.

- 1. Place all your learning materials above the ground in a safe room with strong walls and few windows so that they cannot get wet.**
- 2. Cover all classroom windows with cardboard or plastic to minimize the entry of water into the classroom.**
- 3. If possible, clear the drainage around your school or dig a drainage around the classrooms and toilets or the whole school so that water can flow and not get blocked and cause flooding. Inform teachers to do the same with their houses.**
- 4. Check the roofing and make sure there are no holes and or loose nails that could cause leakage and or injury.**
- 5. Wrap your important school documents and papers in plastic and on place them above the ground and in a safe place and if needed weigh them with sandbags.**
- 6. Make sure your mobile phone is fully charged all the time so that you can communicate with the authorities. Buy extra data just in case.**
- 7. Keep the important telephone calls including telephone numbers of all your teachers, so that you can check on them and make sure they are safe.**
- 8. Inform the school community to stay away from flooded areas – even if it seems safe the water may still be raising.**
- 9. Use water purification tablets to clean the drinking water in school.**