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**537. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development: [85] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**

What is the suite of interventions and support that her department has provided to persons who were displaced by the recent floods in the Republic? NW586E

**REPLY:**

When a disaster occurs DSD partners with different stakeholders to provide humanitarian assistance to affected households and individuals, it is at the point where it is determined who will provide which assistance.

The role players that DSD partners with are provincial departments of SASSA, the National Disaster Management Committee, ProvJocs and disaster coordinating forums at provincial levels, as well as NatJoints at National level. The list of persons or households to be provided with assistance are verified by the Provincial or Local Disaster Management Response Unit.

**REPLY:**

**Interventions that were provided by DSD during the recent floods**

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| **PROVINCE** | **SUITE OF INTERVENTIONS PROVIDED BY DSD/SASSA** |
| Eastern Cape | * The hard-hit area in the Alfred Nzo District is Matatiele with 77 households, followed by Umzimvubu with 45 households and Ntabankulu with 37 households.

 * DSD provided Psycho-social support and Trauma Debriefing services are being rendered by the Social Workers to the affected families.
* With integration between DSD and SASSA all families with schooling children were referred to SASSA for school uniform.

A total of 1,850 people were affected, and SASSA intervened as follows:* Meals were provided to 449 individuals to the value of R289, 605.
* School uniform applications were taken for 171 to the value of R407,800
* Cash for 4 deceased victims was processed to the value of R7,960
* The most affected districts were;Alfred Nzo, Amathole District

Chris Hani District, Joe Gqabi District and OR Tambo District* Cash SRD applications were processed for 433 affected victims to the value of R 863,670

The total assistance provided by SASSA Eastern Cape Region was to 1024 individuals at an amount of R1, 569,035.00 |
| Gauteng | * 2384 people were affected and 85 people were displaced
* 21 Food vouchers and 2 Cash vouchers were issued to the value of R45 770.00.
* Most affected areas were Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni and

Sedibeng |
| KwaZulu-Natal, | On 10 February 2023 KwaZulu Natal experienced severe rainfalls which resulted into flood disasters.A total of 84 incidents were reported with 3010 households affected. * SASSA KZN region participate in all disaster management structures both Provincial and Local. This ensures that interventions are coordinated for speedy response and prevention of duplication.
* Provincial Departments and municipalities are currently finalising disaster recovery plans as there was an extensive damage to the public infrastructure.
* SASSA, DSD, affected Municipalities and civil society organisation such as Al Imdad Foundation and Gift of the givers were able to provide immediate assistance victims.
* DSD conducted assessment on affected families in order to determine the social impact and in order to provide Psychosocial support such as trauma counselling and debriefing.
* SASSA KZN provided the social relief of distress food vouchers to 826 households to the value of R1, 635 480.
* SRD food vouchers was also provide to 6 households with disaster fatalities to the value of R 3960 which an amount of two older person’s grant as stipulated in the SRD policy .

The total assistance to all affected families is R 23 760 |
| Limpopo | * Limpopo had 222 affected households by floods. None of the affected were displaced.
* SASSA provided SRD cash valued at R443 810.00.
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| Northern Cape | * No people were displaced due to the floods.

 * Those that were affected by the river over-flows were provided with food and blankets by DSD and Gift of the Givers.
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| North-West | * Floods occurred in the areas of Ngaka Modiri Molema district; Deelpan; Lombaardslaagte; Slurry and Mahikeng (extention 38), Deelpan village
* DSD conducted profiling within the affected community and 50 food parcels were distributed on 08 Feb 2023.
* 77 houses were profiled. The affected families were not relocated to temporary accommodation due to resistance.
* SASSA provided vanity packs as immediate intervention.
* The first consignment of 100 (50 males and 50 females) vanity packs valued at R 27 500. 00 were issued.
* Vouchers were issued as follows; 35 at Lombaartslaagte, 6 Mahikeng (extension 38) and 12 at Slurry informal settlement.
* Profiling continues and SASSA will provide interventions as required.
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| Mpumalanga | All municipal districts were affected;* Ehlanzeni District: Nkomazi and Mbombela Local Municipalities the mostly affected
* Gert Sibande: both Lekwa and Mkhondo Local Municipalities were affected.
* Bushbuckridge district and Nkangala District :
* Dr. J.S. Moroka and Emakhazeni were reported as affected
* In Mbombela Local Municipality 112 households were reported to have been evacuated, however intervention disaster relief was provided form the Provincial disaster structures
* **Gert Sibande District**: SASSA and DSD participated in the coordinated interventions from Mkhondo Local Municipalities and Lekwa and Gert Sibande District, in partnership with all stakeholders provided disaster relief. Two (02) households with six (06) people were evacuated and DSD provided disaster relief. SASSA provided SRD – Disaster (cash) to 16 affected individuals to the value of R20 780.00.
* **Nkangala District:** Dr. J.S. Moroka was reported as affected by the floods, which affected the households that were already affected by rains that happened from 29th January 2023. SASSA provided SRD Disaster (cash vocher) to 23 affected individuals to the value of R45 770.00

In total SASSA provided cash vouchers to 45 clients to the value of R78 490.00In Nkomazi Local Municipality, 1 701 households were affected and eight (08) cases of loss of life reported, and none of these families were displaced.SASSA formed part of the district and provincial disaster management structures. The other partners including Gift of the Givers, Red Cross business also provided assistance and donations consisting of food parcels, gel stoves, blankets, mattresses, collapsible structures, sponges, tarpaulins, children’s clothing and sanitary towels. SASSA is still conducting assessments of the households referred by DSD, assessments and cash vouchers issued so far at the value of R11 940.00. The households where loss of life was reported are still being assessed. The affected families were not relocated to temporary accommodation, although some houses were damaged hence the provision of collapsible structures by the Dept. Human Settlement.  |