

# Head of Provincial Disaster Management visits Ilembe

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The killer storms, which reeked havoc and claimed the lives of five people last month, have left certain parts of KwaDukuza devastated with over a hundred residents losing their homes. Nearly sixty centimetres of rain fell in just two hours.

The volume of storm water caused extensive damage to bridges and low-level river crossings. The drainage and smaller rivers were unable to cope with the extent of the water surge and as a result massive flooding was caused, damaging buildings and infrastructure.

Chief Director Special Initiatives, Head of Provincial Disaster Management Mr. Mthokozisi Duze visited the Ilembe district to inspect the area and put together a report on the flood damage.

Acting Municipal Manager, Mike

Newton said, "We have met with the proper disaster management unit who have submitted the report to MEC Mabusyokhule in order that the consideration can be given to declare a state of disaster to exist in the Ilembe District."

Ilembe is awaiting directions necessary to assist and provide relief to the public in the district as well as to deal with the effects of the disaster.

Mike Newton said that he was overwhelmed by the support and assistance from Umgeni Water and Siza Water who have gone the extra mile to assist with disaster operations.

Mayor of Ilembe His Worship Cllr Welcome Mdabe expressed his deep condolences to the people affected by this disaster and promised to assist the residents still in need of support.



Chief Director Special Initiatives, Head of Provincial Disaster Management Mr. Mthokozisi Duze inspect the disaster site in KwaDukuza. Insert Damage is done to property and infrastructure

