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Service Update Following Severe Storm in Amajuba District and Call for Public Vigilance

This evening, a severe storm caused significant damage to health infrastructure in the Amajuba District.

At this stage the Department can confirm the following specific impacts:

1. *Madadeni EMS Base*: A fallen tree has damaged a park home and the perimeter fence shared with Madadeni Hospital.
2. *Niemeyer Memorial Hospital*: The roof over the Outpatient Department (OPD)/Casualty and Admitting Office was blown away, resulting in flooding within these critical areas.

Our infrastructure and facilities management teams will conduct a full assessment of the extent of the damages.

But given the magnitude of the damage, we anticipate some disturbance to day-to-day health services in the affected institutions.

These damages are of concern, and the Department will after a thorough assessment implement contingency plans to ensure emergency medical services continue to operate with minimal disruption.

We call on the community to bear with us during this difficult time. The Department is mobilizing all necessary resources and will work around the clock to restore services and ensure the safety of both our patients and staff.

Crucially, this incident serves as a stark reminder of the increasingly drastic and unpredictable weather patterns.

We urge the public to exercise heightened vigilance. Please adhere to all official weather warnings and alerts, avoid travelling during severe storms where possible, and take all necessary precautions to ensure your personal safety and that of your families.

Our priority remains to minimise the impact on healthcare delivery. Further updates will be provided as the situation becomes clearer.

We thank the public for their patience and understanding.

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