



## **DIRCO CIRCULAR NO 1 OF 2022**

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and has the honour to refer to the devastation caused by the recent floods in Kwa-Zulu Natal Province.

The Department wishes to refer to numerous Governments who have expressed concerns about the humanitarian disaster due to the floods which has resulted in over 443 people confirmed to have died, with scores still missing, 3 937 houses have been completely destroyed, 8 038 partially destroyed, and resulting in over 40 000 people displaced. Water infrastructure, over 200 schools, many roads and bridges were washed away or damaged by the floods. The loss of lives and damage to infrastructure is extensive and the South African Government is currently engaged in rescue and recovery operations, and disaster relief efforts. Several Governments have offered support to the South African Government and these are highly appreciated by the Government and people of South Africa.

Government has deployed engineers and other technical experts to assess the extent and cost of the damage. Some of the most immediate needs include:

Provision of temporary shelter and basic furniture

Food, Blankets, Water, Generators

Restoration of water infrastructure

Building materials, and

Rebuilding of road infrastructure and bridges

This list has been compiled by the Department of Cooperative Governance and the Department of Social Development who lead the South African Government's disaster relief efforts.

The following officials can be contacted with regards to discussing and finalising modalities of support by members of the International Community:

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The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of the opportunity to renew to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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