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## Media Statement

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### **Assessment conducted to bring relief to flood-hit areas in Johannesburg**

The City of Johannesburg officials are continuing with emergency relief work following the devastating floods that hit parts of Johannesburg last night, **27 January 2024**.

The Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councillor. Kabelo Gwamanda arrived at the Joint Command Centre set up at Maponya Mall this morning to receive a briefing on the efforts being undertaken to bring relief to the affected communities.

The Mayor was briefed that as early as 6pm on Saturday a team of swift water technicians were already on the ground in anticipation of the heavy down pour which were predicted at 75%.

Once it started to rain, teams from Emergency Management Services, Disaster Management and the Johannesburg Roads Agency were dispatched on the ground. Their main mandate was to save lives. This was undertaken through ensuring that the trapped and high rising water get released as quickly as possible to avoid possible drownings.

JRA, unblocked the affected storm water drains and EMS assisted with drilling hole on wall which were trapping water.

Our assessment also indicated that there are properties close to the river streams which necessitated that the Environment and Infrastructure Services department is roped in to conduct a cleanup of the streams.

The Human Settlements department is also on the ground conducting an assessment of individuals who may be displaced as a result of the flooding.

The areas most affected by this flooding are Kliptown, Dlamini, Molapo, Eldorado Park and Rockville.

The Executive Mayor visited the affected areas to undertake an assessment of long-term interventions required.

Further updates will be provided later today.

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