

Civil Protection (Declaration of State of Disaster: Rural and Urban Areas of Zimbabwe) (Road Infrastructure Network) Notice, 2021

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IN terms of section 27(2) of the Civil Protection Act [*Chapter 10:06*], His Excellency the President hereby declares as follows:—

*Title*

1. This notice may be cited as the Civil Protection (Declaration of State of Disaster: Rural and Urban Areas of Zimbabwe) Notice, 2021.

*Interpretation*

2. In this notice—

“road infrastructure network” means all regional, primary, secondary, tertiary and urban roads as defined in the Roads Act [*Chapter 13:18*];

“urban area” means any area which is—

- (a) municipal area, town area or local government area; or
- (b) a town ward of a rural district council or an area declared to be a specified area in terms of the Rural District Councils Act [*Chapter 29:13*]; or
- (c) a township as defined in the Land Survey Act [*Chapter 20:12*];

“rural area” means any area outside an urban area.

*Declaration of state of disaster*

3. Following the incessant rain that has of late fallen countrywide resulting in excessive damage to the road infrastructure network, a state of disaster exists in all rural and urban areas in Zimbabwe with effect from promulgation of this notice.

*Conferment of powers and duties by Minister*

4. It is hereby notified, in terms of section 38 of the Civil Protection Act [*Chapter 10:06*] that the Minister of Local Government and Public Works has, for the purpose of this declaration, conferred his powers in terms of this Act upon the Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development.

*Remedial work to be done*

5. For public information it is projected that, to ensure quick connectivity and resumption of normal community activities in the various provinces of the country the rehabilitation work shall be done in three phases, namely—

- (a) emergency road works, which will focus on preserving current road infrastructure network and ensure the roads are in a safe condition for travellers and this encompass the rehabilitation of the drainage system and pothole patching particularly in the major trunk roads, and this is expected to be complete within sixty days;
- (b) preventive road works, which will consist of preventive periodic and scheduled periodic maintenance works and rehabilitation of failed sections of the road infrastructure network, and this will include resealing, overlays and re-gravelling, and this work will be expected to take six months to complete; and
- (c) rehabilitation and reconstruction of major structures and other road infrastructure network, will focus on major rehabilitation as well as reconstruction of rain damaged drainage structures like dams, bridges and roads, and this work is expected to last between 12 to 18 months.

*Construction of road infrastructure network*

6. (1) For the duration of this declaration, the Department of Roads shall take over the rehabilitation and construction of major roads in urban local authorities to expedite maintenance and repair works with Provincial Road Engineers superintending over all roads within their respective provinces.

(2) The Department of Roads shall access the advances to the National Civil Protection Fund that may be made in terms of section 30 of the Civil Protection Act [*Chapter 10:06*].

(3) For the purposes of carrying out the rehabilitation work the Department of Roads is hereby declared as an essential service under lockdown conditions.

*Funding*

7. The Minister hereby, in terms of section 9 of the Roads Act [*Chapter 13:18*], authorises ZINARA to source funding on the market in advance in lieu of the revenues that are yet to be allocated by Treasury.

