

Civil Protection (Declaration of State of Disaster: Rural and Urban Areas of Zimbabwe) (El Niño-induced Drought, 2023/4 Rainfall Season) Notice, 2024

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IN terms of section 27(1) 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) (El Niño-induced Drought, 2023/4 Rainfall Season) Notice, 2024.

*Interpretation*

2. In this notice—

“urban area” means any area which is—

- (a) 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. As a result of the prevalent drought brought about by the El Niño weather phenomenon, a state of disaster exists in all rural and urban areas in Zimbabwe with effect from the date of promulgation of this notice.