## Status of weather warnings: Namibia

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#### Outline

- Dissemination methods
- Relationship with DMA
- Relationship with media
- Update on feedback from DMA
- Status on progress made on obtaining feedback from general public





# Types of advisories and dissemination

- Heavy rains ≥ 50mm in 24 hours
- Recommended to lower to 30mm
- Very cold conditions T<sub>max</sub> ≤12°C







### Namibia: Autopsies Link Deaths to Frigid Temperatures

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POLICE in the Karas Region yesterday reported that post-mortem examinations conducted on bodies of five Keetmanshoop residents between April and June showed they had died of cold.

Confirming the autopsy findings, Police Deputy Commissioner Rosalia Shatilweh said the five people had died of hypothermia.





# Types of advisories and dissemination

- Flash flooding → general commits on potential of flash flooding
- Strong winds ≥ 20 knots
- Dissemination















 Issued by forecaster at least 2 days before event, but not limited to 2 days



## Dissemination to rural communities

 Translation done by NBC radio services in all languages.

 Some forecasters also directly broadcast in local languages on radio.





### Dissemination of warnings

 Warnings are issued by the Deputy Director of Meteorological Services through a statement.





### Challenges with DDRM

Lack of MoU

### Challenges with media

Consultations with media on their needs is missing.





#### Feedback from DDRM

- Subjective: meetings & general comments
  - Feedback from public
- Questionnaire compiled





Interpretation







