



**The NUMSA Gender Structure is calling on the public not to forget the flood victims in the Eastern Cape who still need our support**  
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**Press statement**

The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) Gender Structure is calling on its members and also its staff in all nine regions to kindly make donations to victims of the floods which recently devastated parts of the Eastern Cape.

At least 90 people died and over 10 000 people have been affected as a result of heavy flooding in the OR Tambo District Municipality in the Eastern Cape. The floods have displaced hundreds of families; damaged homes and settlements; and destroyed infrastructure and caused power cuts. At least four NUMSA members have lost family members as a result of the floods.

We are humbly requesting support for the victims of the flood. We are kindly requesting that all donations be made to the nearest NUMSA Regional or Local office.

Some of the items we are requesting are:

- Tinned food and dry goods such as beans, fish, rice, maize meal, pasta etc
- Sanitary items such as sanitary towels and toothpaste
- Baby food and diapers
- Clothes
- Shoes

We are kindly requesting that comrades use union meetings including LSSC's and RSSC's, and REC's to donate so that we can help as much as possible. Any money which is donated can be given to the Regional office closest to the members.

We will be grateful for any contribution and any assistance will be highly appreciated.

The items received will be handed over to the Umtata Local on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July because they were heavily affected.

The gender structure wishes to thank trade union the South African Industrial Commercial and Allied Workers Union (SAICWU) our sister union within SAFTU for making a donation. President Rendani Munyai personally handed over clothes and shoes for families devastated by the floods. This is truly socialism and Ubuntu at work. We are deeply grateful to the union for heeding the call.

We also want to call on the public as a whole not to forget the people of the OR Tambo District. Even though this issue is no longer being reported on, the suffering of the community continues. If possible, we urge the public to reach out to organisations in the OR Tambo District to help those families whose lives have been devastated by the floods.

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