



SAFE ROADS TO PROSPERITY

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**ROADS AUTHORITY ALERTS MOTORISTS TO EXERCISE CAUTION AS HEAVY
RAINFALL AFFECTS ROAD CONDITIONS**

The Roads Authority (RA) wishes to appeal to all road users to exercise extreme caution when travelling on the national road network, as Namibia is currently receiving good rainfall across the country, particularly in the Kavango West, Kavango East and Zambezi regions. While the rainfall is welcomed, it has also contributed to road surface damage and challenging driving conditions on certain sections of the national road network.

The RA is aware of reported road damages on, among others, the Grootfontein–Mururani Gate road, the Rundu–Divundu road (which is currently under rehabilitation) in the Kavango East region and a few district roads in the Zambezi Region, respectively. Some of these affected roads are more than 40 years old and are therefore more susceptible to damage during prolonged and heavy rainfall. These roads are due for rehabilitation, and the RA will attend to them in line with our maintenance and upgrade programmes.

Our technical and maintenance teams are on standby and will repair the affected sections as soon as weather conditions allow for safe and effective work. In the meantime, road users are strongly urged to observe and obey all traffic signs and warnings, reduce speed particularly in wet conditions and to avoid driving through water-covered road sections, as potholes or wash-aways may be hidden beneath the surface.

A pothole forms when rainwater seeps through cracks in the road surface, weakens the underlying layers and, under traffic load, causes the surface to break apart. This process is accelerated on older roads and during periods of heavy rainfall.

Members of the public are encouraged to report road damage on national roads at Tel no. 061-2847167/7359, via email at pr@ra.org.na, direct message (DM) on the RA Facebook page (Roads Authority-RA Namibia) or the nearest RA Maintenance Office.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to road users for their cooperation and patience, and we remain committed to ensuring a safe and reliable road network for all.

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