

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

NOTICE OF MOVEMENT FROM RIPARIAN AREAS FOR COMMUNITIES LIVING ALONG DAMS AND RIVERS

In response to the Presidential Order issued on 30th April 2024, directing all members of the public residing within risky areas to vacate within 48 hours, the Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA) hereby issues this notice to the affected communities especially those residing in the vicinity of Masinga and Kiambere Dams

The recent heavy rains that have engulfed the country over the past three months have resulted in severe flooding, causing loss of lives and property across Kenya. According to forecasts from the Kenya Meteorological Department, these heavy rains are expected to persist, posing a continued threat of flooding due to the saturated soils nationwide.

Furthermore, water levels at both Masinga and Kiambere dams have risen significantly, surpassing historical records and triggering a flood alarm. As of 1st May 2024 at 0500Hrs, the water levels at Masinga and Kiambere dams stood at 1058.28 meters and 701.73 meters above sea level, exceeding their full supply capacity levels of 1056.50 meters and 700.00 meters respectively. This rapid increase in water levels has led to extensive flooding downstream, displacing communities and disrupting lives and livelihoods.

In light of these circumstances, communities residing within and along riparian corridors are hereby instructed to relocate to safer areas within the next 48 hours, as per the Presidential Directive. This is imperative to prevent further loss of lives and livelihoods.

TARDA is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of residents within the Tana and Athi River Basins, and we are committed to keeping communities informed of any impending dangers.

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