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**DIRECTIVES TO MANAGE ACCESS TO THE DISTRICT COURTS DURING THE LOCK DOWN PERIOD 27/03/2020 TO 16 APRIL 2020 AS ANNOUNCED BY THE STATE PRESIDENT ON 23 MARCH 2020**

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**As delegated by the Chief Justice in terms of Section 8(3) of the Superior Courts Act, 2013, I hereby issue the following directives to be applicable to all the district courts in the North West**

1. **All district courts will be accessible to deal with the following cases**
   1. **All bail applications, old and new**
   2. **All applications in terms of the Domestic Violence Act, the Protection from Harassment Act, Children’s Act ; Older Persons Act and all other urgent matters**
2. **There will be no trials conducted during this period**
3. **Cases of Awaiting Trial Detainees whose bail processes have been finalised will be postponed in their absence**
4. **Heads of District Courts will compile a daily roster with the contact details of all the staff members who will be on duty to deal with what is on the roll**
5. **The rosters will be submitted to the Station Commander of the Police Station/s serving that particular district**
6. **Arrangements for postponement of civil cases will be made with the magistrate assigned to that court as per the roster**
7. **A magistrate on duty at one person stations or any other court may also attend to the postponement of Regional Court cases subject to a judicial appointment by the Regional Court President**

**These Directive will remain in force for the duration of the lock down period**

**Ms JJ Ikaneng**

**Chief Magistrate**

**Head of Administrative Region 9**

**North West**