**Govt gives support for lightning victims' burial [Namibia]**

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THE government has extended support to the bereaved family of the lighting victims in Ohangwena region, the Office of the Prime Minister's executive director I-Ben Nashandi has revealed.

“The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has learnt that there is a family in the Epembe constituency in Ohangwena region that has lost children to lightning. Government, through the OPM, will provide support to the family as well," said Nashandi.

The government will provide N$5 000 per deceased to assist with coffins and burial costs, as well as N$10 000 for food provisions and tents for temporary shelter.

This comes after five children died when they were struck by lightning on Tuesday afternoon at Oneifiyo village in the Epembe constituency of the Ohangwena region.

Meanwhile, Namibians from all corners of the country have shown support to the family with more than N$20 000 donated by individuals to help the family.

The deadline for contributions is Monday.

The councillor of Epembe constituency Mathews Nanghama has expressed gratitude on behalf of the family.

A memorial service will be held on Monday and the funeral is on Tuesday, Nanghama announced.