Overview

- On 19 March, the Mozambique Council of Ministers declared a state of National Emergency.
- Beira continues to be completely inaccessible by road although port and airport are operating.
- EDM dispatched 9 generators from Maputo to Beira through a chartered aircraft. The equipment will provide the alternative electricity supply to the city while technical teams work to restore the normal operation of the city system.
- Commercial life is getting back to normal in Beira with shops opening and street vendors selling goods.
- People continue to be isolated by flood waters and road damage in Manica, and accommodation centres have been set up in Chimoio, Gondola, Macate and Sussundenga.

General updates

- An updated appeal is currently under preparation by the Humanitarian Country Team.

WFP Response

- WFP is rushing food and other assistance to victims of the cyclone and flooding and cyclone and has reached 26,000 to date.
- WFP high-energy biscuits (HEBs) have been airlifted to isolated pockets of people stranded by the floodwaters in flooded areas in Buzi and surrounding areas.
- WFP is also distributing Corn Soya Blend (CSB) accommodation centers in Beira and Dondo.
- The first WFP-run United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) helicopter arrived in Beira yesterday and was deployed today for airlifts.
- WFP-funded drones have been supporting rapid assessments and help the rescue teams locating victims trapped in the flooded areas in Sofala.
• The distribution of mixed commodities is underway in Zambézia in the accommodation centres. For centers inaccessible by roads (Maganja da Costa and Namacurra districts), WFP is coordinating food assistance deliveries with Administração Maritima.
• An operational hub is being established in Chimoio including an office/warehouse to launch the response in Manica, expected to start shortly. A 20 tons consignment of HEBs is expected to arrive in Chimoio tomorrow.

**Humanitarian Coordination**

**Logistics Cluster**

- The Logistics Cluster will provide coordination and information management to support operational decision making and facilitate access to common logistics services. Coordination cells will be established in Maputo, Beira and Chimoio.
- UNHAS is setting up operations in affected areas in central Mozambique. The following WFP-contracted aircrafts are en route to Mozambique:
  - 1x MI-8 (3-4MT capacity) helicopter arrived in Beira on 20 March;
  - 1x MI-8 (3-4MT capacity) is expected to arrive in Beira (weather permitting) on 22 March;
  - 1x C-295 cargo plane (8-10 MT capacity) and 1x 727 cargo plane (20 MT capacity) are expected to arrive in Beira on 22 March;
- UNHAS routes and schedule will be shared with humanitarian partners as soon as air operations are established.
- Stocks of Jet-A1 fuel are reportedly available in Tete and Quelimane but limited in Beira and no stocks in Chimoio. WFP, along with partners, will be finding ways to mitigate shortages in fuel availability.
- The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access for partners to the aircrafts.

**Nutrition Cluster**

- The current estimate is that across the five provinces of Inhambane, Manica, Sofala, Tete, and Zambezia approximately 800 tons of ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) will be needed for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition in children 6 to 59 months and 8,000 tons of corn-soya blend (CSB) will be needed for the prevention of acute malnutrition in pregnant and lactating women.

**ETC WG/Cluster**

- The ETC Cluster is providing vital communication services to the humanitarian community at the operations centre at the Beira airport. This is being done with the support of ETC partners, the Government of Luxembourg and Ericsson Response. To date, these services have been utilized by 90 humanitarians.
- ETC partner Telecoms Sans Frontiers is supporting with the provision of internet connectivity services for the humanitarian community at the airport. The ETC is ready to expand existing services to additional operational areas in Beira as required.