

WFP joint response in Mozambique - Display

Exhibition on the margins of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board Tuesday, 19 November to Thursday, 21 November 2019 Forum A, WFP Headquarters

Background

The year 2019 continued to be a devastating year for emergencies around the globe. Amidst ongoing challenges, the responses to Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in Mozambique are testaments to WFP's leadership in emergency response. Mozambique not only saw the activation of WFP-led clusters, including the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), but for the first time, WFP deployed new tools including drones and SHERP vehicles to help reach people in need of assistance and to assess damage. Capacity building work with the Government of Mozambique prior to Cyclone Idai also helped to ensure a rapid and smoother emergency deployment and coordination: only six months before Idai, WFP trained emergency personnel from Mozambique's National Institute of Disaster Management (INGC) to coordinate, map and execute drone activities.

Purpose

Leverage the unique opportunity of the 2019 Second Regular Session of the Executive Board to bring visibility to WFP's leadership in emergencies, its operational successes and the work of its partners, showcase WFP's cross-divisional coordination during the 2019 Mozambique emergency response, and highlight the value of capacity building for preparedness as well as acknowledge the importance of collaboration and partnership in humanitarian emergencies.

Display

Forum A will be used as a demo space to showcase the value of technology and partnerships in emergencies, with a focus on the collaborative work of the Technology Division – including the Emergency Telecommunications (ETC), the Supply Chain Division, the Emergencies Division, and Aviation Service. The demo will include:

- WFP-operated drones with support from Unmanned Aircraft Systems capacity building activities in Mozambique prior to Cyclone Idai in coordination with the National Institute of Disaster Management of Mozambique
- SHERP Vehicles
- Machine learning development with support from Emergencies Division Geospatial Support Unit
- ETC partners in action

An infographic depicting a summary of the inter-divisional Mozambique response will also be displayed. Other materials include:

- Banners/infographics
- Promotional packages for each team on display
- ETC partners response video
- WFP-operated drones response video
- WFP SHERP video
- ETC partners in action Mozambique video