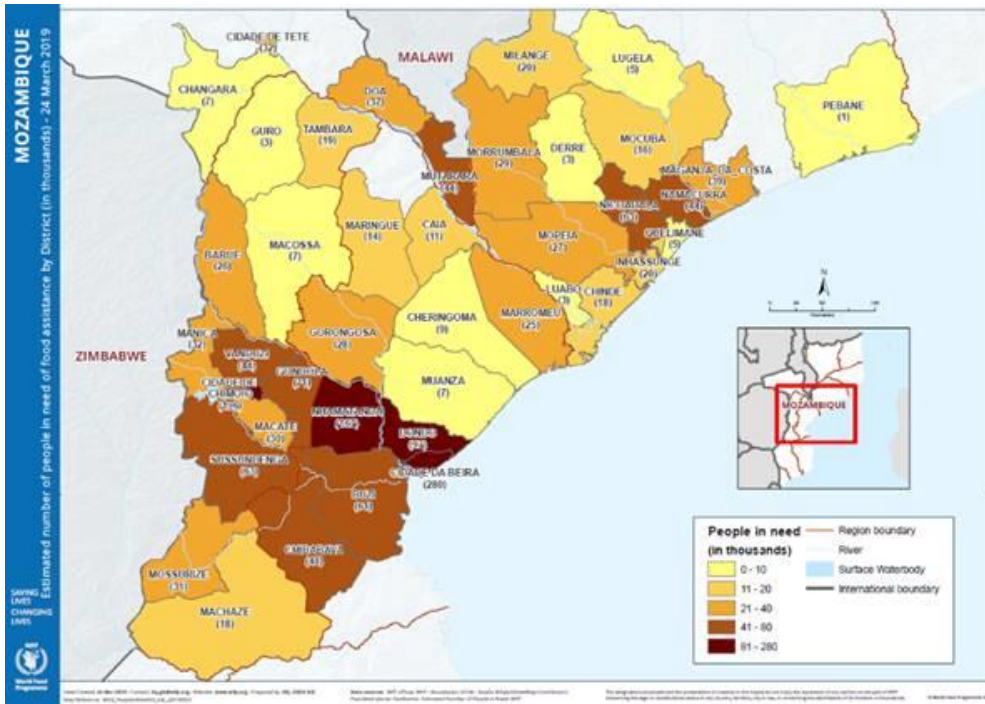




Mozambique

Flood Response External Update (as of 27 March 2019)



WFP Contract MI8 helicopter

WFP: Estimated number of people in need of food assistance by District (in thousands) - 24th March 2019

Highlights

- The Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, David Beasley, arrived in Beira on 26 March to assess the humanitarian situation and draw attention to the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone IDAI.
- Following this visit to Mozambique, Mr. Beasley called on the international community to step up in support to the victims of the recent cyclone and flooding that have devastated large areas of the country.
- Some 1.85 million people were directly affected by the cyclone and are in need of support. An estimated 400,000 hectares of crops – primarily maize – were washed away just weeks ahead of the main April–May harvest. Other key sources of income, like livestock and fisheries, have also been badly affected.
- Since the cyclone hit, WFP has provided food assistance to more than **170,000 people**, intends to reach half a million in the coming weeks, and, as soon as possible, all 1.7 million people urgently in need of food.
- Displaced cyclone victims sheltering in scores of schools and churches in Beira and surrounding areas have received easy-to-prepare fortified blended food. Sixty metric tons of high energy biscuits airlifted into the country have been dropped by helicopter to people stranded by the floodwaters.
- With 86,000 metric tons of commodities needed in the next three months, WFP is procuring large quantities of cereals, vegetable oil and fortified blended foods elsewhere in southern Africa, and shipping and trucking them into Mozambique. As conditions permit, WFP will increase local procurement.
- As lead of the global humanitarian logistics “cluster” that helps coordinate the relief effort, WFP has deployed to Beira three MI-8 transport helicopters and a freight aircraft to support the broader humanitarian response. As lead of the emergency telecommunications cluster, WFP has been working to re-establish vital networks that can accelerate the response by government and humanitarian agencies.

Overview

- Based on the latest image taken by satellite Sentinel 1B on 25 March, flood water appears to be slowly receding. However, the main reservoir levels in central Mozambique (Zambezi, Buzi, and Pungwe river basins) remain on alert, along with the Cahora Bassa and Chicamba dams. Rainfall forecasts indicate scattered rainfall for Sofaladn Manica; along with moderate rainfall in Northern Mozambique, Zambezia and Nampula in the coming days. Weather conditions are expected to improve significantly from 29 March for Northern Mozambique.
- While the full impact of Tropical Cyclone IDAI is currently under assessment, early reports indicate significant damages to infrastructure and livelihoods, with an estimated 3,000km of land submerged. Preliminary government reports as of 24 March indicate that more than 58,600 houses have been damaged, including 36,747 totally destroyed, with more than 500,000 hectares of crops damaged. As a consequence, this is expected to significantly increase food insecurity given that the flooding has coincided with the annual harvest season.
- With the arrival of the WFP contracted aircraft (C-295) a Maputo-Beira-Chimoio airbridge has been established. On 25 March, the C295 aircraft made one rotation to Chimoio and Beira on behalf of Save the Children and COSACA transporting 7.5 MT of NFI (Family tents, family kits, hygiene kits, shelter kits, community tents). On 26 March, the C295 aircraft made one rotation to Chimoio on behalf of UNICEF transporting health items to support the response.
- The N6 road which links Beira to the rest of Mozambique is now reopened, facilitating supply via land transport to Beira. The Beira sea port is fully operational, and the humanitarian community has begun using this corridor to send relief commodities from Maputo and overseas to Beira.



WFP Executive Director, David Beasley, with the WFP team in Beira

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up food operations to affected communities and has reached more than 170,000 people in Sofala, Zambezia, Tete and Manica provinces.
- Distributions are ongoing in both accommodation centres and to rural populations. In Zambezia province, distributions are ongoing in Nicoadal, Morrumbala and Maganja da Costa districts. In Lugela district WFP is making use of INGC boats to reach the accommodation centres.
- WFP has deployed more than 60 emergency staff to Mozambique, including emergency coordinators, air operations managers, and programming, logistics and telecommunications experts.
- Assessing the extent of the damage and needs remains a huge challenge. WFP is supporting the government and the national disaster management agency, INGC, to use drones to locate people in need of assistance.
- WFP will build on the social capital of local community members to extend its assistance where it is required. With businesses returning to the city, WFP is working with private sector partnerships to build on the local market in support of recovery.

Shortfalls

- The full impact of Tropical Cyclone IDAI is still to be determined and in accordance shortfall scenarios based on a longer time span and higher beneficiary numbers are under development to give a broader, long-term picture.
- WFP Mozambique is developing an appeal and has identified that **USD 140 million** is needed to enable WFP for food assistance; logistics and ETC support for 3 months during the emergency response. The funding requirements may increase following further ground assessments.

Humanitarian Coordination

- The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in Beira has been chaired by WFP and COSACA (Oxfam, Save the Children and Care). With the recent arrival of the UNDAC team (Disaster Assessment Coordination), coordination is rapidly being transitioned, with the HCT now responsible for liaison with the Government.

Food Security Cluster

- The Food Security Cluster (FSC) has developed an SOPs for food assistance that will help improve coordination among cluster members and food distribution on the ground.

Tropical Cyclone IDAI FSC response priority activities:

- Provide immediate life-saving assistance to people trapped, stranded or displaced by the Cyclone and flooding, including through the distribution of High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) and Corn Soya Blend (CSB).
- Provide food assistance to 1.7 million affected people through general food distribution, using in-kind, vouchers or cash.
- Provide emergency school feeding.
- Implement emergency food-for-work and cash-for-work to help kick start early recovery activities and rebuild livelihoods.
- Implement cash transfers to support agricultural activities.
- Provide livestock/veterinary support.
- Provide agricultural inputs through the distribution of seeds, fertilizers and planting material.
- Rehabilitate rural assets and infrastructure, with a particular focus on irrigation facilities, flooded agricultural fields and roads.
- The procurement and distribution of cooking kits/non-food items (NFIs) will be led by the Shelter Cluster in collaboration with the Food Security Cluster. Partners are working together to ensure that the distribution of NFIs/cooking kits will be coordinated with upcoming in-kind food distributions

Logistics Cluster

- To avoid logistics bottlenecks and plan an adequate response, the Logistics Cluster continues to liaise with partners on the ground to consolidate pipelines. This information is particularly important for Beira airport, where increased information sharing will help ease congestions.
- On 24 March, the Logistics Cluster in Beira facilitated handling, offloading and transport services of the following aircrafts on 24 March:
 - One C-295 cargo plane transporting 8 MT of humanitarian cargo from DFID, UNICEF and WFP from Maputo, to Chimoio and Beira;
 - Two Ilyushin cargo planes transporting DFID and THW relief cargo;
 - Two rotations of the MI-8 helicopter;
 - One Boeing 757 with 20 MT of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) from Dubai.
- UNHAS routes and schedule will be shared with humanitarian partners as soon as air operations are fully established.



Nutrition Cluster

- The Nutrition Cluster will prioritize life-saving support for treatment of acute malnutrition in children under-five and pregnant and lactating women.
- UNAIDS was represented at the Nutrition Cluster to further strengthen the linkages between the nutrition and HIV response.
- The Nutrition Cluster is in the process of finalization of orientation documents and protocols on nutritional evaluation/screening

ETC WG/Cluster

- Since the beginning of the ETC response to Tropical Cyclone IDAI, a total of 284 humanitarians in Beira are accessing ETC Internet connectivity services to support emergency response activities.
- ETC partners ITU, Ericsson Response, emergency.lu and Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF) are providing vital communications equipment and have set-up connectivity services at Beira airport.
 - Vodafone Foundation has sent a team of responders to support with connectivity requirements.
 - Since the activation of the ETC activated the Crisis Connectivity Charter to support humanitarian communications in Mozambique, satellite industry companies, Eutelsat SA, Inmarsat and SES are providing services.
- An ETC team is setting up internet connectivity for the humanitarian response based in Chimoio.
- Slow customs clearances are delaying the arrival of critical ICT equipment into the country