

Anticipatory Action Activation

Mozambique



Anticipatory Action to mitigate the impact of cyclone Jude in Mozambique

In March 2025, WFP has supported an Anticipatory Action (AA) activation led by the Government of Mozambique to provide anticipatory assistance to individuals who were at risk of a tropical cyclone in Mogincual and Angoche districts in the Nampula province in the Northeast.

This AA activation took place three days ahead of cyclone Jude making landfall and was guided by the United Nations Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) framework for cyclones, coordinated by OCHA and funded by CERF upon reaching the pre-agreed triggers crossing the danger level. This inter-agency framework brings together UN agencies, including WFP, UNICEF, IOM and the UNFPA, to provide anticipatory assistance in a timely and coordinated manner.

On March 7th at 9 am, the readiness trigger was reached, and the same day at 6 pm, the activation trigger was reached. These triggers were monitored through the Platform for Real-Time Impact and Situation Monitoring (PRISM). On Saturday 8th, the official AA activation in Mogincual and Angoche was confirmed by the President of National Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (Known in Portuguese as the Instituto Nacional de Gestão e Redução do Riscos de Desastres or INGD) through the Technical Council for Disaster Management (Known in Portuguese as Conselho Técnico de Gestão de Desastres or CTGD).

On March 10th, the tropical cyclone Jude made landfall in Mossuril and Ilha de Moçambique districts with 140 km/h of windspeed, 195km/h of wind gusts, and torrential rains that caused widespread floods. The winds also affected other neighbouring districts, including Mogincual and Angoche, pilot districts for cyclone anticipatory action.

Key facts

Location: Mogincual and Angoche districts in the Nampula Province	
Number of people supported with early warning messages	580,000
Number of people evacuated to temporary accommodation centres	300

As part of this coordinated activation, WFP supported the government in implementing the following anticipatory actions:

- Dissemination of early warning (EW) messages:** EW messages were disseminated through radio spots, SMS messages, disaster risk management local committees, and *Linha Verde 1458*, a United Nations toll-free inter-agency hotline. Actionable early warning messages were translated into different local languages and shared with communities to alert them about the predicted cyclone. These messages included information on evacuation routes, the location of temporary accommodation centres, and how communities could protect their lives and livelihoods from the oncoming cyclone’s impacts. Early warning messages began being disseminated on Saturday 8th March (2 days pre-landfall) reaching around 580,000 people in Mogincual and Angoche and an additional 4.1 million people in the provinces of the Nampula, Cabo Delgado and Zambezia who were potentially in cyclone Jude’s trajectory. These adjacent locations were targeted with early warning messages thanks to the AA system building work done prior to the cyclone season: with their own funds, INGD expanded coverage and message dissemination to additional districts, demonstrating the scalability and sustainability of this AA activity in Mozambique.
- Evacuation of at-risk individuals to temporary accommodation centres.** WFP provided financial support to INGD to transport at-risk individuals, along with their livestock and belongings, to safe temporary accommodation centres in Mongicual district. The National Division of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation within the INGD (INGD –DPM) led this evacuation and district governments and disaster risk management local coordinated these efforts.

This activation was preceded and informed by two previous cyclone activations just months earlier: [Dikeledi](#) (January 2025) and [Chido](#) (December 2024). The anticipation of cyclone Jude was made possible through the release of US \$1.6m from CERF, covering AA and early response. The disbursement of pre-arranged anticipatory finance which enabled operational readiness ahead of Cyclone Jude significantly accelerated subsequent early response efforts. This support has been crucial in empowering communities to anticipate and mitigate the impact of cyclone Jude on their lives, livelihoods and food security.