



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

Anticipatory Action Activation Mozambique



Key facts

Location: Licungo river basin in Maganja da Costa district; Limpopo river basin in Xai-Xai, Guijá, Massingir, Chockwe and Mabalane districts; Buzi river basin in Buzi district; and Messalo river basin in Muidumbe district.

Anticipatory Action ahead of seven flooding events in Mozambique

Between December 27, 2025, and March 25, 2026, the Government of Mozambique, with support from the World Food Programme (WFP), activated Anticipatory Actions (AA) ahead of seven predicted flooding events across the Licungo, Limpopo, Buzi, Messalo, and Save river basins. These activations responded to forecasts of heavy rainfall and upstream river surges, with some basins, such as Licungo and Limpopo, triggering two separate AA activations within the same season. This highlights the heightened and recurrent flood risks faced during this period.

Following each trigger, pre-arranged financing was accessed and made available to support the Government in rolling out the activities. This support not only enabled these anticipatory

actions but also demonstrated the value of sustained programmatic investments before risks translate into adverse impacts—such as developing early-warning and forecasting models, establishing pre-agreed financing mechanisms, and strengthening government and community preparedness.

The AA interventions were coordinated under the Government-led framework, led by the National Institute of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (INGD). Collaboration included partners as the International Federation of the Red Cross Red crescent (IFRC)/ Mozambican Red cross (for the first activation in the Licungo river basin). The anticipatory actions ensured that at-risk populations received early warning information before the onset of severe flooding and were moved safely to temporary accommodation centres (TACs) where they received essential support including food (seven-day rations), WASH items, and shelter materials.

While these AA activations were led by the Government of Mozambique, WFP supported government structures through the following actions:

River basin	Lead time/AA window	Activities funded by WFP	People reached / evacuated
Licungo	3 days / 27-30 Dec 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation to TACs Transportation and provision of food assistance Early warning (EW) dissemination 	Evacuated: 5,000+ people EW reach: 500,000+ people
Limpopo	5 days / 9-13 Jan 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation to TACs Transportation and provision of food assistance EW dissemination Deployment of government staff to field locations 	Evacuated: 4,300 people EW reach: 700,000+ people
Buzi	3 days / 12-14 Jan 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation to TACs Transportation and provision of food items EW dissemination 	Evacuated: 2,000 people EW reach: 188,000+ people
Messalo	5 days / 9-13 Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW dissemination 	EW reach: 27,000+ people
Limpopo	5 days/ 13-18 March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW dissemination Evacuation to TACs 	EW reach: 700,000+ people Evacuated: 2,466 people
Save	2 days/ 16-18 March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW dissemination Evacuation to TACs 	Evacuated: 4,110 people EW reach: 100,000+ people
Licungo	5 days / 17-22 March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW dissemination Evacuation to TACs 	Evacuated: 2,165 people EW reach: 500,000+ people

AA Activation—December 2025—March 2026

- **Early-warning message dissemination:** Complementary messaging reached more than 1.3 million people, providing actionable guidance to help at-risk communities protect lives and assets.
- **Evacuation of people at risk:** More than 20,000 people were evacuated ahead of flooding, supported through AA windows ranging from 3 to 5 days.
- **Anticipatory food assistance:** Food assistance (seven-day rations) was pre-positioned and provided in Temporary Accommodation Centres to support evacuated households during the AA window.

The seven consecutive flood activations were operationalized thanks to the investments made over the recent years to establish a flood forecast-based model, with support from donors including Norway, the European Union, and the UK.

