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Anticipatory Action Activation Mozambique



Anticipatory Action to reduce the impact of cyclone Gezani in Mozambique

On February 9, 2026, the Government of Mozambique, with support from WFP, activated anticipatory actions as Tropical Cyclone Gezani approached the coastline.

This activation was triggered when forecasts indicated the cyclone would bring sustained winds of 120–140 km/h, potentially affecting up to one million people in Sofala, Inhambane, and Gaza provinces with severe winds, flooding, and storm surges. These forecasts surpassed the pre-agreed threshold of 119 km/h winds predicted 96–6 hours before landfall, prompting the Government to activate the Anticipatory Action (AA) Protocol for tropical cyclones.

Following formal activation, WFP immediately accessed pre-arranged financing from CERF to support the government in implementing pre-agreed anticipatory actions as outlined in the [Mozambique CERF AA Framework](#). These actions, delivered in close collaboration with the National Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (INGD), included:

- **Dissemination of early warning messages** through national government platforms, including SMS alerts, community radios, audio-visual broadcasts on social media and national television, the mobilization of Local Disaster Risk Management Committees (CLGRDs), and mobile brigades. Funding ensured SMS credits were pre-loaded, community radios were prepared to broadcast alerts, and local teams were fully mobilized to deliver lifesaving messages immediately after activation.
- **Financial support to facilitate the evacuation** of at-risk communities, enabling INGD to deploy technical and operational staff to high-risk areas, prepare evacuation vehicles, and preposition fuel, thereby ensuring the safe movement of populations to temporary accommodation centers.

Key facts

Location: Inhambane Province	
Number of people reached with early warning messages	More than 1.5 million
Number of people evacuated to temporary accommodation centres	800
Number of people receiving anticipatory food assistance	800

- **Anticipatory food assistance**, through INGD, to 800 evacuated individuals in temporary accommodation centers, ensuring they had access to a full 7-day ration that met 100 percent of daily caloric requirements while awaiting the cyclone’s passage.

Since 2023, WFP has supported the Government of Mozambique by investing in building and strengthening national systems for anticipatory actions related to cyclones and floods, with the backing of donors such as the EU, ECHO, NORAD, and FCDO.

Together, these anticipatory actions aimed to safeguard lives, support government-led evacuations, and protect food security across the provinces most exposed to the effects of Cyclone Gezani.

WFP’s rapid mobilization ahead of Cyclone Gezani was made possible by USD 1.35 million in pre-arranged financing from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) of OCHA. This activation builds on multi-year investments by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation in anticipatory action systems.

Cyclone Gezani did not make landfall in Mozambique as initially expected, coming closest to the Mozambican coastline five days after activation on February 9. Despite this, Gezani’s effects were still felt, impacting around 9,000 people, causing four deaths, and damaging social infrastructure and agricultural fields in six districts of Inhambane Province: Massinga, Maxixe, Morrumbene, Jangamo, Homoine, and Inhambane City.

