

WFP Mozambique Situation Report #17

September 2019



625,575 people assisted September 2019







Country Strategic Plan

Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) Nov-May 2020 (August 2019 revision)

Overall requirements:

USD 620 m (USD 398 m new requirements)

WFP share:

USD 135 m (including food, nutrition education and protection sectors)

WFP Net Funding Requirements: USD 61 million

(Oct 2019 - Mar 2020)

In Numbers

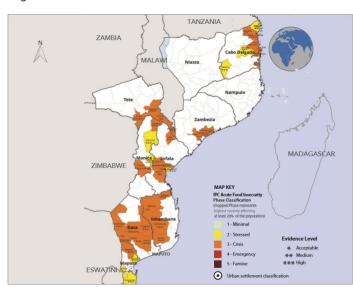
- 2.5 million people in need (HRP, August 2019)
- 6 provinces affected
- 1.9 million people in need of food assistance (IPC, July 2019)
- 625,575 people Cyclone and floodaffected people assisted since the Recovery phase of the response (WFP)
- 2.3 million Cyclone and flood-affected people assisted during the Emergency response by WFP

Highlights

stand at **USD 61 million**.

Situation Update

- Six months into the response to Cyclones Idai and Kenneth, and with the initial emergency response phase now completed, the situation has improved in some areas. However, vulnerable communities are still facing food shortages since both cyclones hit just before the main harvest, affecting food stocks for the lean season.
- The report of the Crop and Food Security Assessment mission (CFSAM), jointly conducted by WFP and FAO, was released in September. According to CFSAM findings, the 2019 cereal production is estimated at 2.8 million metric tons, about 16 percent lower than 2018, due to the cyclone-induced crop losses. Considering the extensive crop losses and damages caused to agricultural livelihoods, it is expected that a substantial proportion of households will continue to depend on food assistance and rely on negative coping strategies in the absence of assistance until the 2020 harvest season. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) findings released in July 2019, it is estimated that 1.9 million people will be facing difficulties in accessing food between October 2019 to March 2020. In addition, approximately 67,500 children under five years of age need treatment for acute malnutrition.
- The food security and nutrition situation require WFP to maintain significant levels of assistance, both in terms of cyclone recovery and immediate relief assistance to drought affected populations. There is an urgent need to increase the scale of relief and recovery interventions for cyclone-affected populations, and, the extent relief food assistance to drought affected populations and internally displaced people. Providing nutritional support to the most vulnerable groups, including children under five and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) will help to avoid the deterioration of their nutritional status during the lean season. Given the high level of humanitarian needs, WFP has maintained the corporate emergency category for Mozambique (reclassified from Level 3 to Level 2 emergency), based on its scale, urgency, capacity, complexity and risk.





Post-Cyclone Recovery

- In September, as part of the recovery phase of the emergency response, WFP provided food assistance to 625,575 people in Cyclone Idai and Cyclone Kenneth-affected provinces, working closely with local authorities and humanitarian partners. WFP assisted the targeted households using in-kind food assistance, commodity voucher and value voucher modalities. During the relief phase of the emergency response from March to August, WFP supported 2.3 million people with life-saving food assistance in the provinces of Sofala, Manica, Zambezia, Tete, Cabo Delgado and Nampula.
- WFP's recovery and reconstruction activities began in August 2019 and are ongoing in Sofala, Manica and Cabo Delgado provinces. From August to October 2019, WFP aims to assist 400,000 beneficiaries in Sofala, 100,000 in Manica and 67,000 in Cabo Delgado through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities. The most vulnerable groups, however, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the north, will continue to receive unconditional food assistance. The main objectives of the intervention are to meet the immediate food needs of targeted populations, while supporting the creation and rehabilitation of community assets. These interventions aim to enable recovery of affected communities while reducing household vulnerability to shocks, which in turn will contribute to future resilience-strengthening efforts.
- During the second phase of the recovery operation (November 2019 to March 2020), WFP aims to increase the scale of its operations to reach over 1.1 million people during the lean season, depending on funding levels. Approximately 900,000 will be targeted in Sofala, Manica, Tete, Zambézia and Cabo Delgado provinces, and an additional 225,000 people will be assisted in the three southern provinces of Mozambique (Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane). For this phase, WFP will scale up its FFA programme and continue to assist those who lost all their crops and those who had stocks that are running out. The focus will be on agriculture activities, with the objective to optimize the new harvest as well as reconstruction work in coordination with other UN Agencies, local and international NGOs and the authorities.

Cash-Based Transfers (CBT)

- In September, the UNICEF and WFP Joint Multipurpose Voucher programme benefitted 21,372 households (106,860 individuals) in the districts of Dondo and Nhamatanda of Sofala Province.
- This programme is designed to meet the needs of over 20,000 Cycloneaffected households to access food, hygiene and other essential items.
 This programme uses an innovative approach to distribute vouchers
 ('Senha' or 'cheque') to each family with a value of 2,670 mt each
 month (USD 43). The voucher programme will be piloted for three
 months from September to November 2019.
- As part of the FFA intervention, a total of 22,394 households have been assisted through cash-based transfers (CBT) in Sofala with 7,851 households that received value vouchers and 14,543 households that received commodity vouchers.
- In September, WFP organized a Retail and Shop Attendant workshop training 41 retail staff and shop attendees from Cooperating Partners.
 The topics covered included Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), Fraud and corruption prevention, accountability, price monitoring and competition, quality of goods, and WFP invoicing and financial systems.
- In September, a joint CBT and Protection assessment was conducted in Quissanga and Mocimboa da Praia districts in Cabo Delgado province, where potential beneficiaries were interviewed through focus group discussions to understand preferred modalities, and ultimately engage them on the new CBT modality, following the successful roll out of the value vouchers pilot programme for Cyclone Kenneth emergency response in Macomia district in July.

Nutrition Programme

- The nutrition emergency response to Cyclone Idai focused on 39 districts of Manica, Sofala, and Zambézia for the period of April to September 2019. The main objective was to support Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment at the health facility level, strengthen the Ministry of Health's capacity and provide supplements of ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) and Super Cereal (CSB) for children under 5 years of age and pregnant and lactating women. At the end of September, the emergency programme shifted to a recovery focus until December 2020. This entails a reduction in the number of districts supported from 39 to 22, focusing on: procurement and delivery of specialized nutritious foods (RUSF and CSB), capacity strengthening of Department of Public Health and a pilot of demand generation through community radio and mobilization of community health workers in six Sofala districts.
- The second cycle of distributions for the Cyclone Idai response was concluded in the beginning of September with 126 mt of RUSF and 174 mt of CSB dispatched.
- WFP is also supporting the Pellagra response in Sofala, providing high-energy biscuits (HEBs) to health facilities with the higher number of cases and have delivered five mt of supplements to 24 health facilities in the districts of Buzi, Dondo, and Nhamatanda districts to support the treatment of 1,675 people.
- In Cyclone Kenneth affected areas, WFP aims to assist 9,970
 beneficiaries in 10 districts of Cabo Delgado and two in Nampula (60
 health centres) over the next six months with Targeted
 Supplementary Feeding (TSFP) to treat MAM. Beneficiaries will
 receive two months rations of super cereal and RUSF. In September,
 commodities were distributed to all 60 health centers in Cabo
 Delgado and distributions of nutrition supplements has been
 ongoing. WFP continued to strengthen staff capacity at health
 centres on the management of moderate acute malnutrition cases.

Protection, AAP and Gender

WFP is rolling out an Accountability to Affected Population
 (AAP)/Protection/Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
 (PSEA) training package for all field staff of cooperating partners in
 Sofala and Manica provinces. Training of Trainers sessions took place
 at the provincial level, followed by a roll-out at field level with two
 out of the seven partners so far, with the remaining trainings planned
 for the second half of October. Furthermore, WFP and UNICEF
 provided an AAP/Protection/PSEA training to retailers of the Joint
 Multipurpose Voucher programme.

Social Protection

- WFP continues working towards bridging the humanitariandevelopment nexus, supporting national institutions in using social protection systems and programmes to respond to natural shocks.
- The National Institute of Social Action (INAS) and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Action (MGCAS) approved the activation of the Direct Social Support Programme (Programa Apoio Social Directo, PASD) to provide lean season cash-based assistance to 71,000 vulnerable households and mitigate foreseen acute food insecurity in the districts of Chibuto and Guija, Gaza Province.
- WFP is also a key partner of the government in the design and implementation of the post-Idai/Kenneth social protection recovery strategy, in close coordination with INAS, the World Bank and UNICEF. In September, WFP progressed with the contracting of financial service providers and assessed the viability of electronic payment modalities to assist floods affected households in Sofala and Cabo Delgado.

Food Security Cluster

- In September, FSC partners reported assisting 446,000 people through in-kind food assistance and 224,500 people through livelihoods activities in Sofala and Manica provinces. Livestock assistance was also provided to 1,000 people and another 1,000 people received fisheries support in Sofala.
- Partners engaged in seed and tool kit distributions have scaled up significantly with some 85,000 people receiving assistance in the month of September. From September to December, around 121,000 persons will receive seed and tool kits in Sofala and Manica provinces.
- Preparations for the upcoming lean season are underway. Partners are planning to reach 1.3 million people during the recovery and resilience phase between November and April. This food assistance will support the affected populations during a period of reduced agricultural production.

📜 Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster (LC) has been deactivated. During the relief phase of the emergency, the LC responded to the needs identified by the humanitarian community and requests for support in the areas of: Coordination, Information Management (IM), Logistics Services provision, such as common storage, Mobile Storage Units and emergency transport.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The ETC is nearing completion of the rehabilitation of community radios affected by Cyclone Idai as part of its S4C activities in Sofala province. The ETC plans to host an inauguration ceremony in November to celebrate project completion and to share the lessons learned, discuss the challenges encountered and identify the best practices in order to improve the quality of ETC services in similar projects in the future.
- The ETC plans to deactivate in Mozambique following the completion of the Services for Communities (S4C) project and handover of ETC equipment, tentatively mid-November.

Linha Verde Initiative

- The tollfree inter-agency hotline, Linha Verde, can be used by the affected population to report issues arising from or relating to the humanitarian response in their community. One aspect of accountability to affected populations for the humanitarian response, Linha Verde also serves as a channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse, corruption and political violence.
- WFP is working closely with OCHA, other humanitarian partners to strengthen visibility and understanding of Linha Verde in Manica and Cabo Delgado province. This consists of working with the Community Engagement Working Group (CEWG) to update and roll out radio spots as well as participating in radio call in sessions on local radio stations to field any concerns or requests for clarification regarding the tollfree inter-agency hotline and to promote awareness on Linha Verde.
- In the period between the 15 and 30 September, Linha Verde has registered 678 cases with a feedback rate of 68%. Compared with the past month, this indicates a notable rise in issues raised in half a month. Most of the calls continue to originate from Sofala, and calls have started to come from Cabo Delgado. Most of the positive feedback registered was for the UNICEF/WFP voucher initiative where #affected populations have the option to buy a range of food and WASH products in local shops. The beneficiaries also mention their satisfaction in the way the distributions have been carried out.
- Linha Verde dashboard available here.

School Feeding Programme

- WFP is undertaking preparations for initiating an Emergency School Feeding programme in Sofala province collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MINEDH). The first cycle of distributions will take place in October in 81 schools for 31,000 children using take-home rations that aim to encourage the return of children to schools whilst improving their nutritional status.
- This intervention will be implemented until April 2020 and integrated with WFP's community feedback mechanisms.
- In Cabo Delgado province, WFP plans the roll-out of an Emergency School Feeding (ESF). The assessment of schools will begin in October in Ibo, Macomia and Quissanga districts.
- WFP supported the Ministry of Education in training 150 school Directors and education district services staff on the local procurement processes from smallholder farmers. Schools and districts have received a transfer for the procurement of perishable and non-perishable foods that will complement the school meals, providing a nutritionally balanced diet to school children along with an income source to communities.

Resourcing

- To initiate life-saving operations, WFP launched an appeal for USD 140 million for the Cyclone Idai emergency response which lasted from March to end of June. Only USD 70.3 million was mobilized for the life-saving phase. For the Cyclone Kenneth response, USD 30 million was required for the humanitarian phase, out of which USD 15 million was received.
- For implementing recovery interventions in both Cyclone and drought-affected areas from October 2019 to March 2020, which corresponds to the next harvest season, WFP's net funding requirements stand at USD 61 million, to date.

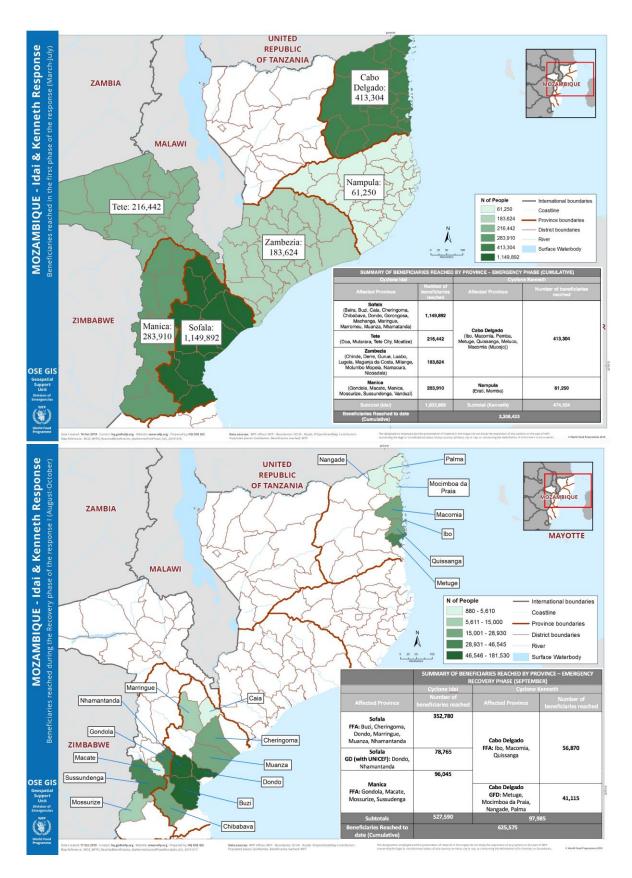


CBT Voucher Distributions, Macomia (Cabo Delgado), WFP/Laura Cantave

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Number of people reached by WFP, in collaboration with partners, in provinces affected by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth, First Phase of the Emergency and Second Phase (Recovery)

Donors

Canada, UN CERF, China, European Union (EU), United Kingdom, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Kuwait Red Crescent Society, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Private Sector, Qatar, Spain, South Korea, Switzerland, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United States and the World Bank Group