



Mozambique

Flood Response Update (as of 23 April 2019)

Key figures



- 4 provinces and 50 districts affected



- 1.85 million people in need (OCHA/HCT)



- 1,304,221 people received lifesaving food assistance



Distribution of commodity vouchers in Beira. Photot: WFP/ Alexis Masciarelli

Highlights

- Since cyclone Idai made landfall on 14 March, WFP has assisted 1,304,221 people impacted by the cyclone in the Sofala, Manica, Tete and Zambezia provinces of Mozambique.
- Accessibility continues to be a challenge and recent rains and strong winds are already affecting operational speed. According to the latest assessments, more than 59 villages remain inaccessible in Nhamatanda, Buzi, Gondola, Chibabava and Sussudenga districts (Manica and Sofala provinces), with an estimated affected population of 217,000 people still isolated.
- WFP continues to reach people with life-saving assistance through all transport modalities, using planes, helicopters, trucks, SHERPs (hybrid vehicles) and boats.
- Reports of isolated communities in need of assistance are being received directly from different sources, including the use of drones to support the identification of locations where displaced people were residing outside of Beira. A procedure has been established in collaboration with INGC to obtain the verified number of isolated families.
- WFP is taking preparedness measures in view of Cyclone Kenneth, expected to make landfall in the north of Cabo Delgado on 25 April. This includes the pre-positioning of staff (programme, logistics and telecommunications) and food items, in both Pemba and the northern districts.

Overview

- At least 715,378 hectares of agricultural land is deteriorated, according to the National Institute of Disaster Management (INGC), affecting an estimated 500,000 farming families. According to the World Bank, damaged land area is equivalent to 13 per cent of total agricultural land in Mozambique and agricultural losses are estimated at a value between USD 141 and USD 258 million.
- WFP is leading Inter-Agency efforts to develop a post-Idai social protection strategy to ensure a smooth transition between humanitarian relief and longer term, Government-led social assistance.
- WFP continues working in close collaboration with National Disaster Management Office (INGC) and INAS (National Institute for Social Protection) to identify and validate the amount of people in need of food assistance. As a product of this collaboration, voucher assistance in Beira during the month of April is now targeting the most vulnerable households identified based on INAS (National Institute of Social Protection) vulnerability criteria.
- As WFP prepares to gradually transition into the early recovery phase, it is enhancing its planning and coordination efforts in activities such as the joint seeds and food distributions with FAO, as well as scaling up food and commodity voucher distributions.

WFP Response

- Since the beginning of the emergency response, WFP, in collaboration with the authorities and humanitarian partners, has assisted more than 1.3 million people in the four disaster affected provinces, through in-kind food distributions and commodity vouchers. A second distribution cycle is underway, targeting 1.34 million people by mid-May.
- WFP is supporting the Government-led resettlement plan, which aims at resettling over 15,000 families currently located in accommodation centres in five affected districts (Beira, Dondo, Nhamatanda, Buzi and Caia) from 20 April onward. Extensive coordination is in place among humanitarian clusters and the authorities.

- Out of the four targeted districts in Tete province (approximately 118,000 people), Mutarara is the only district receiving in-kind assistance, the remaining districts (Doa, Moatize, Cidade de Tete) continue to be assisted through Cash-Based Transfers (CBT). In Beira, 2,500 families (12,000 people) received assistance through commodity vouchers between 14 and 18 April. In Tete city, voucher distributions were initiated on 16 April reaching 1,605 people.
- The joint FAO-WFP seeds and seed protection kits distribution plan keeps progressing, and 6,460 kits out of 14,700 have been distributed so far in Sofala and Manica. The distribution of seeds is currently ongoing in Nhamatanda district.

Affected Provinces	Number of beneficiaries reached
Sofala (Beira, Buzi, Caia, Cheringoma, Chibabava, Dondo, Gorongosa, Machanga, Maringue, Marromeu, Muanza, Nhamatanda)	952,373
Tete (Doa, Mutarara, Tete city)	54,505
Zambezia (Chinde, Derre, Gurue, Luabo, Lugela, Maganja da Costa, Milange, Molumbo Mopela, Namacura, Nicoadala)	130,759
Manica (Gondola, Macate, Manica, Mossurize, Sussundenga, Vanduzi)	166,584
TOTAL	1,304,221



Aerial view of a distribution site in Ndeja where people queue up to receive donations of food and other essential supplies from Food Security Cluster partners. Photot: Tommy Trenchard / Concern Worldwide

**Beneficiaries reached will gradually be reported by cycle. Under the 2nd cycle (15 April-14 May), a total of 359,022 people have received assistance, representing 27 per cent of the monthly target.*

Nutrition

- WFP is supporting the implementation of the Ministry of Health's Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme in the disaster affected areas in Sofala, Manica and Zambezia by providing fortified nutritious foods (ready-to-use supplementary food and Super Cereals) to the targeted health facilities and accommodation centres located in the affected districts. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, WFP aims at assisting 53,000 children 6-59 months of age and 45,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) including those suffering from HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) for the treatment of acute malnutrition.

Protection

- WFP is working jointly with UNICEF and UNFPA on protection assessments related to food distributions.
- WFP is supporting the establishment of an Inter-agency Complaints and Feedback mechanism to enhance effective Accountability to Affected Populations. As part of this system, a toll-free number (Linha Verde) will be activated. WFP is working with other humanitarian clusters to collect relevant programmatic information for the call centre to be able to respond to and follow up on issues raised by the affected populations.

Social Protection

- WFP is leading Inter-Agency efforts to develop a post-Idai social protection strategy, aimed at ensuring a smooth transition between humanitarian relief and longer term, Government-led social assistance. A strategy concept note was jointly developed by WFP, World Bank, UNICEF and ILO, to define how the support to social protection systems will be structured in the post-emergency/recovery phase context.

Assessments

- **Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA)** led by the Ministry of Public Works is currently ongoing with the aim of evaluating the impact and cost of recovery, by assessing the actions needed to support the recovery of affected sectors in the short, medium, and long term. These findings of this assessment will inform the Government's National Recovery Strategy. WFP is specifically contributing to the agriculture, food security, nutrition and social protection sectors. WFP will also engage in the human impact indicators, as well as Disaster Risk and Reduction. WFP is together with UNICEF actively co-leading the PDNA Social Protection sub-group. At the request of MGCAS (*Ministério do Género, Criança e Acção Social*), child and gender indicators will be included to inform the PDNA recovery framework. A tool was developed for assessing impact and delivery capacity of MGCAS/INAS (province, delegation and district level) as well as the impact on social protection beneficiaries. Field level data collection is due to start on 24 April and staff from WFP and UNICEF will accompany MGCAS/INAS staff in the exercise.
- **Multi-Sectoral Rapid Assessments** led by the INGC and UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) were finalized. The assessment targeted the 14 districts hardest hit by Cyclone Idai to assess the level of needs.
- **Joint WFP-FAO Crop Assessment** was finalized on 19 April, covering the Maringue, Chemba and Caia districts – north of the Sofala province.

- **Food Needs Assessment** is being conducted by WFP to estimate and register the number of people who are in need of immediate food assistance and will be ongoing until the end of April.
- **Rapid Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA)** - discussions are underway with SETSAN (Technical Secretariat for Food Security) concerning the analysis plan, conceptual framework and other aspects of the assessment.

Funding Situation

- WFP Mozambique launched an appeal for USD 140 million needed for providing life-saving food assistance to the affected populations, logistics and ETC support for a period of 3 months. As of 23 April, net funding shortfalls stand at USD 72 million. All net funding shortfalls take into account confirmed contributions, as well as high probability contributions still to be confirmed.

Humanitarian Coordination

Food Security Cluster

- To date, 1,352,587 people have received food assistance in the provinces of Sofala, Tete, Zambezia and Manica through 21 organizations including WFP.
- As of 18 April, the Government had distributed 10 per cent of required seeds, while the remaining 90 per cent will reportedly go through the commercial market. More than 1,700 kits of maize and bean seeds, together with agricultural tools, have been distributed in Nhamatanda and 700 in Chirassiqua. Overall, more than 20,000 of such kits have been distributed so far.
- Partners are accessing communities along the Pongwe River in Nhamatanda and distributing aid via helicopters. Seven villages in Mutichuria Peita area received agriculture kits (bag of seeds, machete, hoe) in the last week.
- An assessment by the Cash Working group has been concluded, including markets in Beira that have been restored. A focus group assessment will be conducted to establish community perception of cash assistance.
- Voucher distribution continued in Beira and partners have requested the Government to provide the extended list of beneficiaries and other vulnerable people to whom the programme can be extended. Partners are able to reach 20,000 families. WFP is assessing the impact of the voucher programme.
- Despite being the sector which has received the highest funding to present, funding for the FSC remains low with only 37 percent of total needs received as of 18 April (USD 57 million).

Beira Cash & Vouchers Working Group

- A Cash and Markets Standby Capacity project (CashCap) expert, hosted by WFP, will be present in Beira from 24 April to lead the technical coordination of the Beira Cash and Vouchers working group. Interim coordination has so far been led by OCHA and the regional CashCap based in Johannesburg.

Nutrition Cluster

- The Mozambique Nutrition Cluster Response Strategy is currently being developed by the Ministry of Health and nutrition partners. The response strategy will support the streamlining of activities as well as resource mobilization.
- The National Child Health Week is planned to take place from 24 to 28 April.
- Cases of malaria are increasing, with Nhamatanda having registered most cases. Partners continue to monitor the situation in accommodation centres as malaria can have negative effects in the nutritional status of children and pregnant and lactating women. Cholera is still under control and fewer cases were registered during the last reporting period.

Logistics Cluster

- The use of the two WFP Aviation helicopters will remain available until 7 May to ensure that urgent cargo reaches areas that remain inaccessible by road. Any further possible extension beyond this date depends on the availability of funds.
- Over the last three days, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of approximately 36 mt of relief cargo items by air and road on behalf of IFRC, CARE International and UNFPA.
- The Logistics Cluster airport storage capacity will no longer be used to store incoming cargo from 26 April onward.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- As of 23 April, there are 1,615 humanitarians registered to access ETC internet connectivity in Beira, Buzi and Nhamatanda districts.

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