



SOUTHERN AFRICA ALERT

Regional floods (as of 16 March 2019)

Key figures*



5 affected provinces in Mozambique

16 affected districts in Malawi

3 affected districts in Zimbabwe



600,000 people affected in Mozambique*

920,000 people affected in Malawi*

Zimbabwe estimates pending



24,000 pre-cyclone displaced in Mozambique

82,000 displaced in Malawi



500,000* people require immediate food assistance in Mozambique.

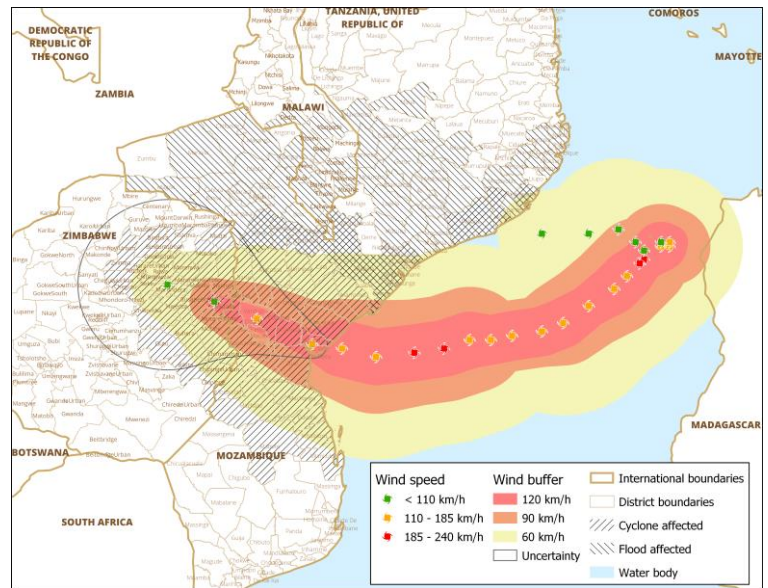
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Mozambique: USD 11 million required for food and nutrition assistance and **USD 3 million** for logistics and telecommunications services.

Malawi: USD 9.3 million for food assistance and **USD 1 million** for logistics services.

Cyclone and flood-affected areas in Mozambique, Malawi and potentially Zimbabwe



*numbers of affected people based on pre-cyclone estimates and will change based on ongoing assessments

Key messages

- Tropical Cyclone IDAI made landfall late Thursday night, 14 March close to Beira city, the fourth largest city in Mozambique, causing significant damage and severing electricity and communications networks. Airspace remains closed.
- Over the next few days heavy rainfall is forecasted in the areas within the path of the cyclone increasing flooding potential.
- Mozambique and Malawi have issued appeals to WFP and international partners for immediate relief and emergency logistics support. Emergency declarations identified more than **1.5 million** people were affected.
- Assessments to determine the impact of the cyclone in all three countries are ongoing. Preliminary WFP satellite-derived projections indicate at-least **1.7 million**¹ people were in the direct path of the cyclone in Mozambique, and **920,000** people were affected in Malawi. Thousands more are potentially impacted by events in Zimbabwe.
- WFP has deployed advance response teams to support emergency operations in Caia district, Beira City, Zambezia and Tete provinces in Mozambique and the worst-affected areas in Malawi and Zimbabwe. In addition, 20MT of High Energy Biscuits are arriving for distribution as emergency 3-day rations in the worst-affected areas.
- WFP made its first distribution to **6,000** flood-affected people in Tete Province through Cash Based Transfers (vouchers) on 14 March. Further cash distributions will take place in Quelimane on 17 March.
- WFP currently has sufficient food stocks in-country,² to assist 100,000 people for the next two weeks in Mozambique. In addition, WFP immediately dispatched food commodities from Zambia and South Africa to meet urgent food requirements for **500,000** people in Mozambique for the next 1 month.
- A WFP contracted Mi8 helicopter is being dispatched to Mozambique to support air operations in the worst-affected areas.
- Assessments are ongoing in Malawi, with planning to target **650,000** people in flood-affected areas.
- WFP is rapidly exhausting its resources and borrowing from stocks throughout the region, to front-load emergency operations in Mozambique and Malawi. In addition, WFP Zimbabwe has also pre-positioned food stocks in-country for responding to the impacts of the cyclone.

¹ WFP Automated Disaster Analysis and Mapping (ADAM).

² In-country stocks located in different parts of the country including Caia and Beira and are being moved to areas of most need.

Mozambique

- Tropical Cyclone IDAI carrying heavy rains and sustained wind speeds of up to 180km per hour made landfall and coincided with high tides that amplified its impact, causing storm surges between 4-8 meters.
- The cyclone weakened as it moved West through Manica Province arriving as a Tropical Storm (Category 1) in Eastern Zimbabwe on the evening of 15 March.
- Significant damage has been reported in Beira and electricity and communication networks have been severed. The airspace in Beira, Vilankulos and Quelimane has also been closed for the past 24 hours.
- Prior to Tropical Cyclone IDAI making landfall, there were already over 100,000 people affected by floods caused by heavy rains since 5 March in the Zambezia, Tete and Niassa provinces. 24,000 people had been displaced in transit centres.
- Initial estimates from the National Disaster Management Institute (INGC) projected that at least **600,000** people were affected by the cyclone. While assessments are still ongoing, and the full impact is yet to be determined, preliminary WFP satellite-derived projections indicate at-least **1.7 million people** were in the direct path (strongest winds above 120km/hours) of the cyclone and are likely to be adversely affected.
- WFP has deployed advance teams to support emergency operations in Caia district, Beira City, and other locations affected by earlier flooding in Zambezia and Tete provinces. To augment staff capacities, 12 surge response staff have been deployed from regional and HQ levels to support the Mozambique country office.
- Current funding shortfalls are estimated at USD 10 million for food assistance, USD 1 million for nutrition, USD 2.5 million for the Logistics Cluster and USD 500,000 for the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster requirements.

Malawi

- The President of Malawi has declared a State of Disaster, following heavy rains and floods that started on 5 March.
- 16 districts have been impacted, with **920,000 people** affected and **82,000** people displaced.
- Across affected areas, widespread destruction of physical infrastructure, loss of household assets and food stocks, and widespread damage to crops have been reported.
- According to the Humanitarian Country Team, the worst affected areas in the country are Nsanje, Phalombe, Chikwawa and Zomba districts.
- WFP will prioritize **650,000** people with emergency food assistance. These estimates are likely to be revised based on ongoing assessments.
- To rapidly scale up immediate life-saving interventions in these priority districts, WFP is also borrowing from stocks throughout the region.

Zimbabwe

- Cyclone IDAI crossed into Eastern Zimbabwe, on the evening of 15 March as a tropical storm (Category 1) with direct impacts on Chimanimani, Buhera and Chipinge districts in Manicaland Province.
- Unconfirmed reports indicate many fatalities and thousands displaced with the Chimanimani district hardest hit.
- Assessments are ongoing to assess the full impact of the storm with results expected in the coming days.
- WFP has pre-positioned **570 MT** of contingency food stocks that can be utilized in affected areas.
- WFP is closely monitoring the evolving situation in collaboration with OCHA and NGO partners. The Logistics Cluster is on stand-by to coordinate and support inter-agency humanitarian response should it be required.