WFP Mozambique
External Situation Report
17 March 2019

Overview

- Today the President of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi flew over and visited some of the affected areas to witness some of the devastation caused by the cyclone and heavy rains.
- Images and reports from the people on the ground indicate extensive floods, causing fatalities and displacements and significantly damaging transport infrastructure.
- Although the cyclone caused extensive damage to the airport in Beira, flights resumed today with some expected delays.
- The Head of the National Institute of Meteorology advises that there will be 4 days of continuous heavy rains (between 200 mm and 300 mm) in Sofala, Zambezia and Tete, putting populations at further risk.
- The Caia-Sena road (Sofala province) had been cut-off due to the flood wave from the Cahora Bassa dam in Tete province. Humanitarian actors report that the road connecting Caia and Beira is only passable with 4x4 vehicles.
- The Chimoio-Beira road is closed to traffic due a collapsed bridge in Nhatamanda, following floods. As a result Beira is not reachable by road from Maputo.
- Several other roads are reported to be impassable in Zambézia province due to flooding.

General updates

- Beira Airport remains the center of operations led by INGC, with sector counterparts, members of the for the humanitarian community and search and rescue teams.
- There is an ongoing search and rescue operation due to the collapse of a dam approximately 70km north of Beira.
- A South African team is supporting the operation but there is an expressed need for larger boats which the government will mobilize.
- South Africans helicopters are being used by the government to initiate food distributions to isolated areas around Caia, coordinating with WFP.

In numbers

- 600,000 people in need of assistance (INGC)
- 5 provinces affected, 69 districts affected
- 1.7 million people were in the direct path of the cyclone in Mozambique (Automated Disaster Analysis and Mapping - ADAM).

Immediate food assistance is needed for stranded populations in these provinces. The National Disaster Management Institute (INGC) estimates that 600,000 people are currently at risk and in need of urgent assistance from all sectors and started providing food assistance to populations hosted in transit camps.
• In Tete city, people have started to return home from the accommodation centres.

WFP response
• WFP Air Operations (UNHAS) and WFP ETC have been working on the ground to re-activate Beira airport, communications and to conduct preliminary assessments to identify the most suitable location to base air operations for the response.
• Communications with colleagues in Beira remained very limited today. Two WFP Standby Partners (SBPs) from Luxembourg (Emergency.lu) arrived today and flew to Beira to set up two VSATS, which will provide the much needed Wi-Fi connectivity for the humanitarian response, and enable flow of information. An SBP from Sweden (Ericsson) is expected to arrive tomorrow which will further expand communication facilities.
• The aircraft transporting 20 tons of High Energy biscuits arrived today at Beira and immediate deployment is being discussed at the Centre of Operations.
• 70 tons of maize, beans and oil arrived in Quelimane today, with distributions planned to start in Nicoala tomorrow. A local miller is being contracted to provide this service at accommodation camps. Today the INGC and WFP teams, with support from the local Red Cross were conducting registrations.
• An additional 400 tons will be on its way to Quelimane in coming days to allow for continued distributions. The first phase of food distributions will be carried out by INGC and WFP, to be followed by cooperating partners for the remainder of the period of support.

Current funding needs

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