

LOCATION: Maputo**DATE:** 23 February 2015**Situation Overview**

- Severe seasonal flooding hit the Central and Northern provinces of Mozambique (Zambézia, Niassa, Nampula and Cabo Delgado); causing widespread damage to infrastructure and supply routes. As reported by the National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC 16 February) over 160,000 people have been affected.
- Significant numbers of the population were displaced and more than 33,000 people continue to reside in resettlement centres (CGCT 18 Feb). Urgent needs include shelter kits, tents, mosquito nets and health kits to support the affected population.
- The Government of Mozambique declared an institutional red alert as of 12 January, 2015. Given the significant level of destruction, particularly in Zambézia province, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) called upon the humanitarian community to respond with immediate support to the Government.
- The Logistics Cluster, through lead agency WFP, will assist the Government where requested and act as co-lead, supporting the Government and humanitarian community with logistics services, coordination & information sharing.
- As of 23 February, the Ministry of Health has reported that there has been a total of 3,478 Cholera cases and 37 deaths (Tete province 1,707 cases and 20 deaths, Niassa province 673 cases and 12 deaths, Nampula province 1,098 cases and 5 deaths).

Access Constraints

- Infrastructure repairs are ongoing, however accessibility remains a significant challenge for the efficient delivery of humanitarian assistance.
- In Zambézia province, access to Licungo Bridge in Mocuba district was re-established on 18 February. The road is passable to vehicles up to 20t and expected to be fully operational by 25 February.
- Quelimane to Maganja sede and to Nante Sede: 170 km asphalted and 90 km dirt road with severe limitations and 170 km asphalted and 115 km dirt road with severe limitations.
- Mocuba to Maganha da Costa: 10 km asphalted and 90 km dirt road with severe limitations
- Mocuba to Nante: 10 km asphalted and 115 km dirt road with severe limitations

Land Transport

- In support of the government and humanitarian community with delivery of humanitarian relief, the Logistics Cluster through lead agency WFP has made common road transportation services available in strategic locations throughout the affected region.
- As of 23 February, seven trucks of humanitarian relief items have been transported from Maputo to Quelimane, Namacurra, Morrumbala, Nicoadala and Mopeia. The items included family kits, mosquito nets and buckets, transported on behalf of organisations including UNFPA, UNICEF, COSACA, CMV and JICA.
- Since 16 January 2015, WFP as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 11 trucks of pre-positioned humanitarian non-food relief items from the warehouse in Beira on behalf of the government and humanitarian community.

Air Transport

- On 16 February, WFP positioned an Mi8 Helicopter to Quelimane.
- Between 18 and 23 February, the helicopter transported over 50mt of food and non-food items including tarpaulins and family kits to various locations in the affected region. Furthermore, the helicopter transports passengers as well.

Storage

- Transshipment hubs have been established in key locations (Quelimane, Mocuba, and Nicoadala) for consolidation and grouping of relief items for transportation, maximizing the use of available road transport assets.

Coordination/Information Management/GIS

- The Mozambique Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) is available on the following link: <http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/Mozambique>
- A Logistics Coordination Cell has been established in Maputo and Quelimane, staffed by a dedicated Logistics and Information Management Officer to support and facilitate the overall response, to support decision making processes, avoid duplication of work and optimize the use of logistics assets.
- A logistics coordination meeting took place in Quelimane and Maputo on Monday 23 February. For the latest situation updates and operational information, please see the Logistics Cluster Mozambique country profile: <http://www.logcluster.org/countries/MOZ>

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- According to the National Meteorology Institute (INAM 23 Feb), moderate to heavy rains in the central and north region particularly in Nampula and Zambézia provinces is expected in the coming week.
- Air operations have been facing occasional delays due to the impact of unfavourable weather conditions in the region, further disrupting delivery of humanitarian relief.
- Organisations are requested to share identified gaps, constraints and available resources with the Logistics Cluster for further dissemination.
- Access to areas affected by the Cholera outbreak in the west of the country is severely limited. The Mutarara district is currently only accessible by barge from Caia or once weekly train from Tete. The Logistics Cluster and humanitarian community are working to support the government in the response to the outbreak.

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