MOZAMBIQUE Floods
Situation Update
(10 March 2015)

LOCATION: Maputo
DATE: 10 March 2015

Situation Overview

- A tropical depression causing heavy rainfall in the past few days has brought new flooding to parts of Nampula, Cabo Delgado and Zambezia Provinces. Needs assessments are being carried out and the Logistics Cluster is continuing to support humanitarian relief deliveries by helicopter to the affected populations in Zambezia Province;

- On 9 March, the Mi8 helicopter was forced to reschedule planned deliveries of humanitarian relief in Pebane due to bad weather conditions. Deliveries from the base in Quelimane to Pebane will be rescheduled for the 10 March in order to ensure the needs of 750 people affected by flooding in recent days can be met.

- Ongoing constraints in Zambezia Province and initial assessments from newly flood affected areas confirm that priority needs are for shelter kits, shelter tools, tarpaulins and poles (CGTC, 9 March).

Access Constraints

Accessibility remains a major constraint to the humanitarian community and with ongoing rainfall, additional access problems have been reported:

- **Nampula Province:**
  - Moma, Ilha de Mocambique, Mossuril and Mecuburi Districts are all isolated from Nampula due to a collapsed bridge on Muecati River
  - The railway from Nacala Port to Malawi and Zambia is temporarily closed;

- **Cabo Delgado Province (As reported by ANE - Administracao Nacional de Estradas, 5 March):**
  - The Muaguide Bridge is submerged and has cut off the main national road connecting the Centre and North of Cabo Delgado Province;
  - A submerged bridge over Messalo river has cut off the road from Montepuez to Mueda;
  - A submerged bridge over Magaruma river has cut off the road from Mecufi to Chiure;

- **Tete Province:**
  - A damaged bridge in Moravia District has blocked the road from Matema to Zumbo;

- **Zambézia Province:**
  - Access from Quelimane and Luabo to Chinde is only possible by barge;
  - The road from Mopeia to Luabo is inaccessible;
  - Pebane in north Zambézia has been cut off;
  - Mocuba to Lugela road is cut off;
  - The Mocuba bridge on the way to Maganja da Costa Sede is accessible for 4x4 and smalls truck only;
  - Maganja da Costa Sede to Nante is currently closed due to ongoing flooding (Concern, 10 March);
  - Quelimane to Maganja da Costa is only accessible via Mocuba (300 km stretch)
  - Quelimane to Maganja da Costa Sede is not possible due to a blocked bridge between Ile and Mugeba
  - Access to Ile from Alto Molocue, Quelimane, Namaroi and Maganja da Costa Sede is not possible due to problems in Ile.
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Air Transport
- Since 18 February, the WFP helicopter allocated to the flood emergency response in Zambézia has moved over 137 mt (985m³) of food and non-food items (NFIs) to eight destinations (Posto Campo, Chire, Chilomo, Vila – Valdez, Pareirao, Namarroi, Mone, Bone).
- Humanitarian relief items have been transported on behalf of COSACA, ADRA, INGC, World Vision and WFP. Among the items, more than 3mt (44.8m³) of latrines and hygiene kits and 18.9mt (161.2m³) of shelter kits and tools out of a total of more than 54mt (796m³) NFIs have been delivered to meet the needs of the populations in the flood affected areas.
- More than 77 helicopter flying hours have been consumed and 146 sectors flown since the beginning of the operation in Zambézia Province, on 18 February. The service will continue to support the Government and humanitarian community until 31 March 2015.

Land Transport
- In support of the government and humanitarian community, the Logistics Cluster, through lead agency WFP has facilitated the transportation of 11 truckloads of NFIs from Maputo and Beira and delivered to the flood affected areas in Zambézia Province.

River Transport
- On 4 March, the Logistics Cluster through lead agency WFP facilitated the transportation of food kits and non-food items (NFIs) via barge from Marromeu - Malinga Panse in Zambezia Province in order to overcome limited land accessibility and reach the affected population.
- NFIs transported on behalf of the National Institute for Disaster management (INGC) include shelter kits and mineral water to support the urgent needs of 200 families isolated by the flooding in the region.

Logistics situation reports, operational documents and relevant information can be found on the dedicated online Mozambique Operation page on the Logistics Cluster website: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/moz15a
- The Logistics Cluster is providing GIS mapping support for the humanitarian community including updated access constraints maps for the affected province of Zambezia and areas where access is limiting transportation. Requests can also be completed to support the mapping needs of the humanitarian community.
  - The next Logistics Coordination meetings: Quelimane - 11 March at 10:30am WVI Office and Maputo - 11 March at 14:30am WFP Head Office

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks
- In Nampula Province, new flooding has affected more than 10,000 people and left areas inaccessible by land. INCG is carry out urgent assessments and the Logistics Cluster is continuing to monitor logistics gaps. To support the logistics needs of the humanitarian community, the helicopter is ready to support with additional requirements.
- The unfavourable weather and rainfall in the region is expected to continue for the next 48 hours with moderate to heavy rains predicted in Nampula, Cabo Delgado provinces and Niassa; (CGTC, 9 March)
- The Licungo river basin in Gurue is above alert level and continuing to rise, raising the concern of additional flooding the area (9 March).

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