
1. Situation Update

- Category 3 Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall on the evening of 14 March 2019 in Beira, Mozambique's fourth largest city, bringing high wind speeds of up to 224 km per hour and heavy rains.
- Initial reports state 100 people are feared dead in Mozambique and neighbouring Malawi due to the heavy rainfall (OCHA), while 103,169 people have been affected by the floods in the Mozambiquean provinces of Zambézia, Tete and Niassa (RC Office, Mozambique).
- At least 17,095 people are displaced in Zambézia, Tete and Niassa sheltered in 15 transit centres across the three provinces (IFRC). The National Disaster Management Agency (INGC) estimates over 600,000 people will be affected by the cyclone (OCHA).
- The INGC has established an initial coordination centre, Centro Operativo de Emergência (COE), in Caia. In addition, a government humanitarian operations centre is being established in Beira to allow for closer proximity to the affected areas.
- Given the extent of flooding and expected impact of Cyclone Idai, a scale-up of inter-agency coordination for logistics activities may be required to respond to identified gaps and to ensure the delivery of emergency relief items (currently estimated at 4,250 MT or 14,000 m3).
- The Logistics Cluster has not yet been activated; the country's Logistics Working Group remains in place. An initial logistics coordination meeting was held in the country's capital city, Maputo, on March 14.
- The Global Logistics Cluster has sent an assessment team of two people. A Coordinator and Information Management Officer, were deployed to Mozambique on 15 March to assess the needs for common logistics services in the north and central part of the country. The team departed by road to Beira on 16 March as part of an inter-agency convoy. The convoy is expected to arrive on 17 March.
- The World Food Programme (WFP), as global lead of the Logistics Cluster and the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), is working on a USD 2.2 million proposal. The proposal is for the provision of common logistics and communications services for identified operational areas across Sofala, Tete and Zambézia provinces (in the central region) and Niassa province (in the country's north) for a 3-month period. The proposal includes the deployment of one UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) helicopter to facilitate access to affected areas.

2. Logistics Infrastructure

Air operations

- Maputo international airport remains fully operational.
- On 13 March, Mozambique national carrier LAM cancelled all commercial flights to Beira and Quelimane on the country's coastline, as well as to Chomoio, which is located inland from Beira. As of 16 March, all domestic flights to the three locations are still cancelled.

- The cyclone caused extensive damage to the airport terminal in Beira. Navigation and weather reporting systems are also not functional.
- An UNHAS representative is in Beira to conduct preliminary assessments to identify the most suitable location to base air operations for the response.
- To support the efficient delivery of humanitarian aid, one WFP-contracted MI-8 helicopter will arrive in Beira on Monday 18 March. This helicopter will be immediately operational after inspection by Mozambique's Civil Aviation Authorities.

Sea ports

- Maputo port remains fully operational.
- Beira's sea port has been seriously affected; extent of the damage is not yet known.

Road access

- An access assessment of the Caia-Sena road (Sofala province) has been conducted. The assessment showed the road had been cut-off for 43 km due to a flood wave that started in Cahora Bassa in Tete province.
- Humanitarian actors reported the road connecting Caia and Beira is only passable with 4x4 vehicles.
- Due to the flooded road in Nhamatanda, Beira is not reachable by road from Maputo.
- According to WFP, the following roads are still impassable in Zambézia province due to flooding:
 - R640 Mopeia/Luabo;
 - NC Morrumbala/ Megaza;
 - NC Kizombe/Mureremba;
 - NC Mandiua/Posto Chire;
 - R652 Derre/Alto Benfica;
 - R650 Milange/ Molumbo;
 - R653 Mocuba/ Lugela;
 - R 644 Maganja/ Nante;
 - N323/N324 Maganja/Pebane
- The Logistics Cluster is currently working on the production of a Road Access Constraints map. The map will be distributed to partners and published on the Mozambique [country page](#) once updated.

Electricity

- Electricity from the power grid in Beira is expected to continue to be unreliable until the end of the month.

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Fuel availability

- There are no indications of fuel shortages in the affected areas. However, due to lack of electricity an increase of fuel demand to operate generators is expected.

Other

- Humanitarian partners have not reported constraints related to importation/customs since the beginning of the emergency. However, the government has not issued an official blanket waiver so far.

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