

## 1. Situation Update

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- Following Tropical Cyclone Idai, heavy rains are expected to continue in the affected areas of central Mozambique. According to WFP, the most affected-provinces by the Cyclone Idai are Sofala, Manica, Zambezia, Inhambane and Tete.
- The National Disaster Management Institute (INGC) estimates that 600,000 people are currently at risk and in urgent need of humanitarian assistance in the affected areas.
- The Logistics Cluster has not been activated yet. 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 coordination and common logistics services in the north and central part of the country. The team is expected to arrive to Beira on 18 March.
- WFP, as global lead of the Logistics Cluster, will convene an inter-agency logistics meeting in support of the government-led response in Maputo on 18 March at 09:00 at the WFP Country Office, to discuss partners' needs in response to the cyclone.

## 2. Logistics Infrastructure

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### Air operations

- Maputo international airport remains fully operational.
- Beira airport resumed operations on 17 March; four domestic flights flew from Maputo to Beira.
- National carrier LAM also undertook one flight from Maputo to Chimoio on 17 March.
- Ethiopian Airlines will resume international flights to Beira from Addis Ababa on 18 March. The runway was not affected while navigation, illumination, weather and radio communications systems were damaged. The Mozambiquean Aviation Authority have assessed the situation and are guaranteeing minimum safety conditions to operate commercial flights.
- 1 MI-8 WFP-contracted helicopter will arrive in Beira on Tuesday 19 March. This helicopter has a 3 MT capacity and it will be operational after inspection by the Civil Aviation Authorities of Mozambique.

### Sea ports

- Maputo Port remains fully operational.
- Beira's sea port has been seriously affected. The extent of the damage not yet known, as communications remain non-operational.

### 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.
- The N1 road connecting Maputo and Beira is not passable in Nhamatanda as the road is flooded and possibly destroyed due to the broken dam. The Logistics Cluster also reports the following challenges on this road:
  - From Pande to Madassipo the road is only accessible with a 4x4 vehicle due to potholes, uneven pavement and muddy road conditions.
  - From Muchungue to Inchope there is a tarmac road, but many fallen trees can be found along the way.
  - The government has issued a red alert on the Buzi and Pungoe rivers due to the high-water flow. Along the N1 road, there are two bridges over these rivers which are at risk of flooding if heavy rains persist.
- 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.
- WFP staff reported a partial collapse of the bridge that gives access to the school EPC Mazicuera in Gondola town close to Chimoio.

### Electricity

- It is expected that electricity from power grid in Beira will continue to be non-functional until the end of the month.

### Fuel availability

- There are no indications of fuel shortages in the affected areas. However, fuel trucks are stuck in Inchope on their way to Beira as the road is cut, which can anticipate a shortage of fuel supply in the affected areas. In addition, due to lack of electricity an increase of fuel demand to operate generators is expected.

### Other

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

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