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## 1. Situation Update

- Following Tropical Cyclone Idai, heavy rains are expected to continue in affected areas across central Mozambique until 21 March.
- According to the National Disaster Management Institute (INGC), affected areas are at risk of further flooding, with dams reaching 95-100% capacity.
- As per the Government of Mozambique, the extent of the damage is not yet known due to lack of access to affected areas.
- The Logistics Cluster has not yet been activated. The assessment team from the Global Logistics Cluster took part in a World Food Programme (WFP) mission in Chimoio on 18 March to assess the airport status and potential availability of storage capacity to support the overall humanitarian response, if required.
- The team will arrive to Beira, the hardest-hit area by the cyclone, on 19 March to map needs for common logistics services, coordination and Information Management. Preliminary information indicates there are storage and transport gaps in Beira that need to be taken into consideration.
- An additional resource from the Global Logistics Cluster unit will be deployed to Maputo (arriving March 20) to support with coordination activities.

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## 2. Logistics Infrastructure

### Air operations

- Beira airport resumed operations on 17 March and continues to be fully operational.
- Chimoio airport is open to commercial flights. It has been confirmed that there will be a direct commercial flight from Chimoio to Beira on 20 March.
- MAF International has one aircraft in country (Cessna 208 with a capacity of 0.82 MT) which could be made available to the humanitarian community. Please liaise with Logistics Coordinator Eva Gandrus for further information ([Eva.Gandrus@wfp.org](mailto:Eva.Gandrus@wfp.org)).
- 1 MI-8 WFP-contracted helicopter (3 MT capacity) will arrive in Beira tomorrow Wednesday 20 March. It will be operational after inspection by the Civil Aviation Authorities of Mozambique. Another C-130 aircraft will also be deployed to support the air bridge between Chimoio and Beira by 22 March.

### Sea ports

- Port of Maputo Authority informed that on 21 March a vessel will be available to transport food and non-food items to Beira to support the humanitarian response. The Port of Maputo will also make available a 1000 m2 warehouse in Maputo to store humanitarian supplies. The Port Authority is in the process of consolidating all goods for dispatch. Please liaise with Logistics Coordinator Eva Gandrus for further information ([Eva.Gandrus@wfp.org](mailto:Eva.Gandrus@wfp.org)).

- The sea port in Beira remains non-operational. There are reports that it may be partially operational by 19 March afternoon.
- WFP has made 20 pilot-boats available to INGC for inter-agency activities. The boats are currently located in Caia and could facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to communities affected along the Zambezi Valley. However, feasibility depends on level of the waters.

### Road access

- The latest road access constrains map is available [here](#).
- The corridor from Mutare (Zimbabwe) to Chimoio is reported to be open.
- Humanitarian actors reported that the Caia-Beira road is not passable. Reports indicate this road will continue to be inaccessible for at least two additional weeks after the rains stop.
- The road connecting Maputo and Beira has been impacted. The N6 (Inchope to Beira) is not passable in Nhamatanda as the road is flooded and washed away in three points due to the broken dam. This road cut in about 50 km between Tica and Mafamissi. In addition, the road to Beira is progressively collapsing.
- Reports indicate that the roads between Chimoio and Beira through and around the Gorongosa National Park are dirt roads and are currently impassable.

### Electricity

- Electricity from power grid in Beira is expected to continue to be non-functional until the end of the month. The Mozambique electricity authority is not able to restore power in Beira as the main substation in Munhava is flooded.
- According to the Government of Mozambique, 80% of the electrical infrastructure is damaged in Dondo province.

### Fuel availability

- Due to lack of electricity, an increase of fuel demand to operate generators is expected. Additionally, fuel trucks are stuck in Inchope on their way to Beira as the road is inaccessible, which can anticipate a shortage of the fuel supply in the affected areas.
- WFP has reported a lack of fuel stocks in Beira, which could also lead to a serious fuel shortage in the coming days.

### 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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- An information-sharing WhatsApp group has been set up to enhance coordination among logistics actors involved in the humanitarian response. To be added to the group, please send a message to +39 339 275 7918 or +34 616 655 755.
- A [Cyclone Idai operational page](#) has been published on the Logistics Cluster website dedicated to sharing logistics-related information.

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