
1. Situation Update

- The Government of Mozambique declared the status of national emergency on the evening of 19 March.
- The Logistics Cluster was activated on 20 March to respond to the Cyclone Idai emergency operation. The Logistics Cluster will provide coordination and information management to support operational decision making, and facilitate access to common logistics services.
- The Logistics Cluster is drafting a potential Concept of Operations (Conops) and strategy based on the information received so far. Facilitation of common services is being looked at in two key locations – Chimoio and Beira. No relevant logistics gaps have been identified in Maputo so far.
- Logistics Cluster coordination cells will be established in Maputo and Beira.
- Additional resources from the Global Logistics Cluster unit arrived in Maputo on March 20 to support with the Logistics Cluster activities in Maputo and Beira. A Cargo Tracking Officer will arrive in Mozambique on 21 March to support the implementation of Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA).

2. Logistics Infrastructure

Air operations

- Beira and Chimoio airports are fully operational.
- UNHAS is setting up operations in affected areas in central Mozambique. The following WFP-contracted aircrafts are en route to Mozambique. The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access for partners to the following:
 - 1x MI-8 (3-4MT capacity) helicopter arrived in Beira on 20 March;
 - 1x MI-8 (3-4MT capacity) arriving by 22 March (weather permitting) to Beira;
 - 1x C-295 cargo plane (8-10 MT capacity) and 1x 727 cargo plane (20 MT capacity) are expected in Beira by 22 March;
 - UNHAS routes and schedule will be shared with humanitarian partners as soon as air operations are established.
- 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).

Sea ports

- Beira sea port is fully operational as of 20 March.
- 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 1,000 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).

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Road access

- The latest road access constraints map is available [here](#).
- Beira continues to be completely inaccessible by road.
- The corridor from Mutare (Zimbabwe) to Chimoio is reported to be open.
- WFP reported that the Tete-Chimoio road is fully passable.
- Humanitarian actors reported that the Caia-Beira road is not passable.
- The road connecting Maputo and Beira has been impacted. The N6 (Inchope to Beira) continues to be impassable.
- MAF has undertaken initial road surveys. Information has been shared with Logistics Cluster and can be found [here](#). A more detailed assessment on the road south from Maputo to Chimoio has been requested.

Railway operations

- WFP report that railway services between Tete and Beira are operational.

Electricity

- Electricity from power grid in Beira continues to be non-functional. The national electricity company will airlift power equipment to Beira on 20 March to provide alternate power services in Beira while the national grid is being re-established.
- According to the Government of Mozambique, 80% of the electrical infrastructure is damaged in Dondo province.

Storage

- Storage capacity has been significantly impacted in Beira. The Logistics Cluster is liaising with LET and private sector partners to evaluate what logistics capacity can be made available to the humanitarian community responding to the emergency.
- Storage capacity will continue to be monitored closely over the coming days to ensure storage capacity in Beira is operational to avoid bottlenecks at both the port and airport. Air operations and last mile transport between Beira and Chimoio are also being considered as a priority.

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 and long queues at petrol stations. WFP, along with partners will be investigating ways to mitigate shortages in availability.
- In addition, stocks of Jet-A1 fuel are reported to be available in Tete and Quelimane however, it is limited in Beira and none are currently available in Chimoio.

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Other

- Humanitarian partners have not reported any importation/customs constraints since the beginning of the emergency. INGC is assisting organisations in fast-tracking relief items from customs at Beira and Maputo airports. For more information please contact Erika Iglesias (Erika.Iglesias@wfp.org).
- 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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