1. Situation Update

- Following the activation of the Logistics Cluster on 20 March to respond to the Cyclone Idai emergency, two coordination cells have been established in Maputo and Beira with the following resources:
  - Maputo: one Logistics Officer and one Common Logistics Services Focal Point.
  - Beira: one Logistics Cluster Coordinator and one Logistics Cluster Information Management.
- The Logistics Cluster has published Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for service provision (transport and temporary storage services). Service request forms are available on the Logistics Cluster website.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to liaise with partners on the ground, to streamline partners’ cargo pipeline and ensure a coordinated response. To complement this, a Logistics Cluster coordination meeting took place at the coordination centre at Beira airport on 23 March at 08:00.

2. Logistics Infrastructure

Air operations

- Beira and Chimoio airports are fully operational.
- UNHAS is setting up operations in affected areas in central Mozambique. The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access to the following WFP-contracted aircrafts:
  - 1x MI-8 (3-4 mt capacity) helicopter which started humanitarian air operations on 21 March. On 22 March, two rotations were made between Beira and Nhamatanda for passenger and cargo transport of food and non-food items;
  - 1x MI-8 (3-4 mt capacity) arrived in Beira on 23 March.
  - 1x C-295 cargo plane (8-10 mt capacity) arrived in Maputo on 21 March. It will transport humanitarian cargo to Beira on 23 March.
  - UNHAS routes and schedule will be shared with humanitarian partners as soon as air operations are established. An online booking system will be launched shortly.
- MAF International has one aircraft in-country (Cessna 208; 0.82 mt capacity) which can be made available to the humanitarian community. Please liaise with Eva Gandrus.

Sea ports

- Beira sea port is fully operational as of 20 March, including customs operations.

Road access

- The latest road access constrains map is available here.
- Reports indicate that the Caia-Beira road is now passable with challenges. The most challenging road conditions have been reported between Muanza and Inhaminga in Chringoma district. 15 mt truck have
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Reportedly passed without difficulty. A 30 mt truck has passed, but serious difficulties were reported. Experienced drivers and sturdy trucks are recommended. In addition, it is suggested that front-end loaders should also be available to accompany trucks travelling this route.

- Reports indicate that the road Beira-Maputo and Beira-Chimoio will be reopened by early next week.

Railway operations

- WFP reports that railway services between Moatize (Tete province) and Beira are operational. Beira – Caia link is fully operational as of 23 March. Beira-Chimoio link is not operational.

Electricity

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

Storage

- Storage capacity remains limited in Beira, with the cyclone impacting most of the warehousing facilities. As of 22 March, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to four 40-foot containers at Beira airport. Interested partners can refer to the SOPs available on the website.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to engage with LET and private sector partners to assess the logistics capacity available to humanitarian partners in the affected areas.

Fuel availability

- Stocks of Jet-A1 fuel are reported to be available in Beira, Tete and Quelimane. However, there is no stock currently available in Chimoio; WFP Aviation is looking into identifying a supplier.

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 and sea ports. For more information please contact Erika Iglesias (Erika.Iglesias@wfp.org).
- An information-sharing WhatsApp group has been set up. To be added to the group, please send a message to +39 339 275 7918 or +34 616 655 755.

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