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## 1. Situation Update

- On 22 March, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) activated the Scale-Up protocol for a period of three months.
- Pungue river and Buzi river water levels are reported to be decreasing in areas most affected by the cyclone and subsequent flooding. Dams levels are also reducing in volume, lowering alerts and reducing the risk of opening dams.
- 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](#). Requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. Cut-off time for requests is 14:00 for services to be provided the following day.
- To avoid logistics bottlenecks and plan an adequate response, the Logistics Cluster continues to liaise with partners on the ground to consolidate pipelines. This information is particularly important for Beira airport, where increased information sharing will help ease congestions.

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## 2. Logistics Infrastructure

### Air operations

- An air operations expert from DHL arrived in Beira on 23 March to support the airport authorities with the increased air operations as part of the Cyclone Idai response.
- On 24 March, the Logistics Cluster in Beira facilitated handling, offloading and transport services of the following aircrafts on 24 March:
  - One C-295 cargo plane transporting 8 mt of humanitarian cargo from DFID, UNICEF and WFP from Maputo, to Chimoio and Beira;
  - Two Ilyushin cargo planes transporting DFID and THW relief cargo;
  - Two rotations of the MI-8 helicopter;
  - One Boeing 757 with 20 mt of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) from Dubai.
- UNHAS routes and schedule will be shared with humanitarian partners as soon as air operations are fully established.
- 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 has been fully operational, including customs operations. Report have been received from Partners who have begun using this corridor to sending relief commodities from Maputo and overseas.

### Road access

- The latest road access constrains map is available [here](#).

- As of 24 March, Beira is accessible by road from Maputo (N1/N6 roads).
- Reports indicate that the Caia-Beira road remains passable with challenges. The most challenging road conditions have been reported between Muanza and Inhaminga in Chringoma district. 15 mt trucks have 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.

### Railway operations

- WFP reports that railway services between Moatize (Tete province) and Beira are operational.
- Beira-Chimoio railway services remain not operational.

### Electricity

- Electricity from power grid in Beira continues to be non-functional.
- Electricity is reportedly functional at Beira hospital and in other pocket areas of the city. 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

- Some humanitarian partners have reported renting warehouse space in Beira. Assessments on local market capacity are ongoing.
- As of 22 March, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to four 40-foot containers at Beira airport to act as a transit point. All items ready to be dispatched on UNHAS flights. 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.
- WFP staff reported shortages of regular fuel in Tete city.

### Other

- Humanitarian partners have not reported any importation/customs constraints since the beginning of the emergency. Customs procedures are available on the [Logistics Capacity Assessment](#) and on the [Cyclone Idai page](#) of the Logistics Cluster website. The 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](mailto:Erika.Iglesias@wfp.org)).

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- There are ongoing discussions between humanitarian partners and the Government of Mozambique to apply a blanket waiver to the importation of relief commodities.
- 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.
- A Logistics Cluster coordination meeting was held in Maputo on Monday 25 March at 09:00 at [UNDP offices](#).
- A Logistics Cluster coordination meeting was held in Beira on Monday 25 March at 08:00 at the emergency operations centre at the airport in Beira.

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