1. Situation Update

- Zambeze, Pungue and Buzi rivers’ 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.

- Reports of acute diarrhoea cases are increasing in areas impacted by the cyclone and floods, although the exact number of cases is yet to be confirmed.

- One Logistics Cluster officer was deployed on 26 March to Chimoio to engage with partners and conduct a gaps and needs assessment to verify the need for the provision of common services.

- 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.

2. Logistics Infrastructure

**Air operations**

- Beira airport remains fully operational. Chimoio airport has limited operations at night due to lack of functional illumination system.

- UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) is providing one rotation with an aircraft Ilyushin Il-76 (35MT total capacity) to fly from Maputo to Beira on Thursday 28 March. The Logistics Cluster team will be facilitating the movement and compiling the requests. Please submit your completed SRF to mozambique.cargorequests@wfp.org as soon as possible to load all cargo on Wednesday 27 March afternoon.

- The handling capacity at Beira airport is stretched. WFP, as global lead of the Logistics Cluster, has reached an agreement with a logistics company in Mozambique to assist with handling, loading and offloading activities at Beira airport. Partners are encouraged to share the pipeline of incoming cargo with the Logistics Cluster to avoid creating bottlenecks.

- DFID is sending handling equipment, including a K-loader and heavy lifting forklifts, to Beira airport (expected 27 March) and 3-4 staff, including trainers, to build the capacity of the handling service providers at the airport.

- 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 the Logistics Cluster team in Maputo.
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Sea ports
- Beira sea port has been fully operational, including customs and scanning operations. Report have been received from partners who have begun using this corridor to sending relief commodities from Maputo and overseas.
- Partners have reported that Quelimane sea port is operational.
- Zambezi river is fully navigable. Humanitarian partners are starting to look at transporting relief goods to affected areas by boat.

Road access
- The latest road access constrains map is available here.
- Humanitarian partners reported that the road to Dombe is only open to light vehicles due to a bad road conditions. In Dondo, one bridge has collapsed in Muoha. Government authorities are now working on road and bridges construction repairs for the N7, R603 and N302 roads.
- Reports indicate that the Caia-Beira road remains passable with challenges.
- The Logistics Cluster will assess the accessibility of Buzi by road from Beira.

Railway operations
- WFP reports that railway services between Moatize (Tete province) and Beira are operational.
- Beira-Chimoio railway services remain not operational. However, repair works have started on this line.
- The Machipanda line to Zimbabwe is now operational; the first train is expected to arrive in Beira on 26 March.

Electricity
- Electricity is reportedly functional in certain areas of Beira, including the hospital. On 20 March, the national electricity company airlifted power equipment to Beira to provide alternate power services in Beira while the national grid is being re-established.

Storage
- Some humanitarian partners have reported to be renting warehouse space in Beira. Assessments on local market capacity are ongoing.
- Since 22 March, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to three 40 foot containers for NFIs at Beira airport to act as a transit point have all items ready to be dispatched on UNHAS flights. Interested partners can refer to the SOPs available on the website.
Fuel availability

- Stocks of Jet-A1 fuel are reported to be available in Beira, Tete and Quelimane. WFP has identified a potential supplier in Chimoio.
- 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).
- There are ongoing discussions between humanitarian partners and the Government of Mozambique to apply a blanket waiver to the importation of relief items.
- An information-sharing WhatsApp group has been set up. To be added to the group, please send a message to +34 616 655 755.
- A Logistics Cluster coordination meeting was held in Maputo on 25 March. Meeting minutes can be found here. Next meeting will be same place on 27 March at 9:00 at UNDP offices.
- A Logistics Cluster coordination meeting was held in Beira on 25 March. Meeting minutes can be found here. Next meeting will take place on 27 March at 08:00 at the emergency operations centre at the airport in Beira.

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