1. Situation Update

- According to the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), flood waters continue to decrease, leading to increasing movement of people, including in and around Chimoio. However, it will still take some time for the rivers to recede below the medium alert level in most areas. Key areas being monitored for potential new flooding are Marromeu, Nhamatanda, Muanza, Mopeia and Maganja da Costa districts in Sofala and Zambezia Provinces.

- The risk of water-borne and vector-borne diseases remains a major concern, with reports of rising cases of malaria, in addition to cases of cholera and acute diarrhea. Beira and Dondo are both cholera endemic areas in Mozambique and the risk of spread is high.

- The ramp in Beira airport was saturated on the evening of Thursday 29 March. The handling capacity at the airport is stretched. Partners are encouraged to share their upstream pipeline of cargo with the Logistics Cluster to coordinate and avoid bottlenecks. The Logistics Cluster recommends partners with no critical cargo to send it to Maputo and transport it by road to Beira.

- To ensure a seamless provision of common services, the Logistics Cluster requires partners to submit their Service Request Forms at least 24 hours in advance. Cut-off time for requests is 14:00 for services to be provided the following day.

2. Logistics operations

Air operations

- On 29 March and 30 March, the Logistics Cluster facilitated offloading of two cargo planes from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) in Beira carrying relief cargo from the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Caritas, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UKAid. In addition, the Logistics Cluster in Beira offloaded humanitarian cargo from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID).

- In Maputo, due to an issue related to the airport High-Loader, several flights carrying heavy tonnage were diverted directly to Beira airport. The High-Loader at the Maputo airport is still under repair works.

- On 29 March the Logistics Cluster in Chimoio received 7.5 mt of WASH and Nutrition humanitarian cargo. The WASH items were stored at the Logistics Cluster warehouse for incoming deliveries in Dombe.

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated loading WFP food supplies on the WFP-contracted C-295 cargo plane in Chimoio to reach Espungabera, a location close to the Zimbabwe border still difficult to access.

- On 30 March, the Logistics Cluster transported IOM’s Non-Food Items (NFIs) and WFP’s food supplies by helicopter from Beira to Buzi, including equipment to establish a Samaritan’s Purse field clinic.

- The Logistics Cluster is currently compiling requests to move cargo on the C-130 cargo plane provided by USAID from Maputo to Beira. Partners should send their SRFs to Mozambique.clustercargo@wfp.org.

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Sea ports

- Beira, Maputo and Quelimane sea ports are operational.

Road access

- The latest road access constrains map is available here.
- The road to Buzi is still not passable and only accessible by boat and air.
- The road between Chimoio and Dombe is open for light vehicles.
- The road between Maganja da Costa and Sopa, one of the affected areas in Zambezia province, is not passable.

Storage

- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) have started using the common storage space in Chimoio and the Logistics Cluster is expecting incoming cargo from Swiss Humanitarian Aid, UNHCR and UNFPA in the coming days.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating three 40 ft containers and a 500 m² MSU at Beira airport to ensure an efficient loading of helicopters.
- Three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are also available for partners at the WFP warehouse in Beira with a total capacity of 1,000 m² approximately.
- Logistics Emergency Teams (LET) partners have made available containers for the Logistics Cluster and can provide additional capacity if requested. The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access to these.
- Partners interested in requesting storage services from the Logistics Cluster can refer to the SOPs available on the website.

Railway operations

- Railway services between Moatize (Tete province) and Beira are operational.
- The Beira-Chimoio railway services remain not functional. However, repair works have started on this line.
- The Machipanda line to Zimbabwe is operational.

Electricity

- Power services are functional in certain areas of Beira, including some hospitals. The national Mozambique power company (EDM) is working on restoring services in the affected areas and announced that the substation of Munhava, the main sub-station in Beira, is operational.

Fuel availability

- Stocks of Jet-A1 fuel are reported to be available in Beira, Tete and Quelimane. As there is no stock of Jet-A1 fuel in Chimoio, the Logistics Cluster continues to evaluate options to store drums.
- Relief Fuel Fund supported with the provision of fuel at Beira airport to ensure handling capacity operates at maximum capacity without fuel breaks.

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Customs

- OCHA Customs unit in Geneva has issued the first bulletin about customs immigration and quarantine procedures for Malawi and Mozambique. A WhatsApp group, administered by OCHA Geneva and the Mozambique Revenue Authority was created to answer partners’ questions.

- The National Disasters Management Institute (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).

- The humanitarian community submitted a draft proposal for a blanket waiver to the Government of Mozambique to be applicable to relief items. An official update is expected is the coming days.

Other

- Partners joining the response in Mozambique are welcome to meet with the Logistics Cluster teams in Beira, Chimoio or Maputo to access the various information-sharing platforms to support coordination activities.

For the most up to date information on Logistics Cluster coordination meetings taking place in Beira, Chimoio and Maputo please refer regularly to the Mozambique response website.

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