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Highlights

- On 10 January, WFP finished the first cycle of distributions for the families affected by cyclone Chido in Cabo Delgado. **180,650 people were assisted** with 7-day rations.
- WFP plans to continue assisting vulnerable families during the next 3 months but the available funding can only cover 55,000 people.
- **WFP urgently needs USD 14 million to continue providing food assistance** to cyclone-affected communities in January-March 2025.
- Amid civil unrest affecting Mozambique, WFP is implementing additional safety measures and closely monitoring the situation to continue delivering assistance safely to those in need.
- As co-lead of the Food Security Cluster (FSC), WFP is closely coordinating with FSC partners to ensure that there are no gaps or overlaps in the assistance.

Situation Update

- Following the temporary suspension of all field activities in Cabo Delgado and Nampula on 29 December after several security incidents linked to the civil unrest across the country, WFP successfully re-started the distributions on 6 January after a thorough assessment of the security situation.
- During the week of 6-10 January, some 65,000 people affected by the cyclone received emergency food assistance. This brought the total number of beneficiaries reached during the first cycle of distributions to 180,650.
- Given the extensive infrastructure damage caused by the cyclone that made landfall in the district of Mecufi, Cabo Delgado province, on 15 December, many areas remain only partially accessible, and WFP continues to work closely with partners to reach those in need.
- WFP continues to rely on available food stocks (from the northern crisis response) located in Pemba and Nacala as its first line of response while engaging with donor partners to replenish these stocks and seek new

Donors



WFP response

Emergency Response

- As the first round of assistance to the cyclone affected populations, WFP Mozambique reached around 181,000 people in the five districts in Cabo Delgado most affected by the cyclone (Ancuabe, Chiure, Mecufi, Metuge, Pemba). The distributions started right on the day of the cyclone, 15 December, and were finalized on 10 January.
- The basket distributed covers 100 percent of the energy requirements for a family for 7 days (12.5 kg of cereals, 6.25 kg of pulses and 2 litres of vegetable oil).
- During this first cycle of distributions, in some of the locations WFP provided assistance jointly with partners – UNICEF and IOM that also distributed WASH and shelter items.
- WFP is now preparing to start the next cycle of assistance, but the available funding will only cover 55,000 people in Mecufi district which was the epicentre of the cyclone.
- In addition to the emergency food assistance, WFP continues supporting the local authorities in the implementation of nutrition programmes. Health facilities in Mecufi suffered severe damage during the cyclone, and WFP started replenishing the stocks of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) and Super Cereal (CSB+) used for the management of malnutrition. The assessment of needs is also ongoing for the health units in Ancuabe and Chiure. For Metuge, no severe damage to stocks was identified.
- For the next six months (January – June 2025), WFP Mozambique is facing an overall funding shortfall of USD 75.7 million for the northern emergency response.

Clusters

- The Tropical Cyclone Chido Flash Appeal indicates 454,000 people were affected, 330,000 of whom are in urgent need of assistance, including food and nutrition. The Appeal targets 320,000 people in Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa, with a total financial requirement of USD 88 million.
- The Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster will target 215,000 people with a financial requirement of USD 26 million.
- The humanitarian operation mobilized USD 5.8 million for natural disaster preparedness and response under the 2024 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP), and additional funding is urgently needed to sustain the humanitarian response.

Procurement and logistics

- Supply Chain finalized the dispatches for 7-days ration distributions for Cyclone Chido. Over 1,000 metric tons of mixed commodities were dispatched for the response. However, food returns have been significantly high given the degree of operational unpredictability.
- WFP Supply Chain also plans to support UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) with the distribution of agricultural kits in Marrupa and Mecula in Niassa province.

Assessments

- WFP supported the **Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MiRA)** led by OCHA in coordination with INGD. The exercise analyzed a total 165 sites in ten districts of the two most affected provinces (Cabo Delgado and Nampula). The assessment showed that a staggering 95 percent of the houses were affected, including 73 percent of schools, 62 percent of farmlands, 55 percent of markets and 44 percent of hospitals.
- Food remains the most urgent need, with 90 percent of people assessed requiring assistance. 80 percent of respondents reported losing their crops to Cyclone Chido, while 64 percent have limited food stocks that may last up to only a month.
- Malaria, acute diarrhea, and malnutrition were the top illnesses observed among the affected population.
- Women and girls continue to face the disproportional impacts from the cyclone due to disruption of community-based protection mechanisms, limited access to sexual and reproductive health services, increase in gender-based violence, and negative coping mechanisms such as child labor, selling of assets, and repeated displacement in search of livelihoods.
- Challenges persist in obtaining data for the agricultural and fisheries sectors losses, while farmers' livelihoods and food security in the affected districts might be significantly impacted by farmland destruction and the ensuing output losses.

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