



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES

# WFP Mozambique

## Cyclone Freddy External Situation Report #7

21 March 2023

### Situation In Numbers

- **886,400** affected people
- **8** provinces affected
- **347,800** ha of farmland damaged
- **165** deaths reported
- **173,600** houses damaged
- **213** accommodation centres operational, housing 163,456 people

### WFP response

- **27,300** people have received food assistance
- **Up to 50,000** people to be assisted in the coming days

### Highlights

- Cholera cases are rising in seven of the affected provinces and have already crossed the 10,500 mark.
- Through cash-based transfers, WFP has provided 7-day rations (covering 100 percent of people's daily kcal requirements) for 24,500 people, hosted in accommodation centres and 30-days rations (covering 75 percent of daily kcal needs) for 2,700 people returning to the community.

### Situation Update

- Cyclone Freddy has dissipated and no cyclonic activity is forecast over the next five days, however moderate rainfall continues, and risk of additional flooding remains. Continued rainfall in Malawi is also expected to eventually impact the connecting rivers in Mozambique.
- Access constraints continue in many affected parts of the country including in Zambezia, Tete and Sofala provinces, and last mile connectivity is still limited to four-wheel drive vehicles or even just via boat or air. WFP is leveraging all logistics assets to enable last mile connectivity not just for its own programmes but also for the humanitarian community at large through the logistics working group.
- The humanitarian community is working on a joint flash appeal to mobilise resources for the Cyclone Freddy emergency response scale-up.
- Cholera cases on the rise are also being reported in accommodation centres and thus as a preventative measure to curb the spread of the disease the government is closing centres.
- Over half the number of affected people live in the province of Zambezia.

## WFP's response

- WFP is supporting water, sanitation and hygiene sector partners to respond to the cholera outbreak through transportation and handling of critically needed medical supplies, clean water and other life-saving items.
- WFP is an active participant in all relevant government coordination platforms at the district, provincial, and central levels, sharing information and identifying potential areas where additional support could be provided. WFP is working with the Government of Mozambique to plan assistance for developing needs.
- In Inhambane, Sofala, Zambezia and Tete provinces, WFP is providing food assistance at accommodation centres for those taking refuge, people returning to the communities from the centres as well as to some targeted affected people continuing to reside in the communities through cash-based transfers that can be redeemed for maize meal, beans, vegetable oil and salt.
- WFP continues to support with community sensitisation on protection and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse at the accommodation centres.



In the central province of Zambezia, several communities are still hard to reach because access is cut off by floods and damaged roads and bridges. © INGD



Marcela Julio, 'When Freddy hit, the rainfall and flooding was very fast and intense. I tried to endure inside my house until the water reached my knees. But I have a 3-year-old baby, I had to hold her up in my arms, so I decided to leave the house with my baby, my other two kids and our documents. We have lost everything and my house is still flooded, weeks after'. ©WFP/Denise Colletta

## Needs and assessments

- WFP is assisting the government in rapid needs and damage assessments to tailor response efforts. WFP is continuing road assessments in the impacted areas.
- WFP developed an interactive map to monitor the cyclone season in Mozambique. It provides easy access to updated information on road conditions, rainfall forecasts, cyclones' trajectories, river water level alerts, population levels, and other critical data.
- Together with the protection cluster, WFP is conducting protection assessments at accommodation centres in Sofala.
- SETSAN – Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition – is preparing with partners for a holistic post-shock assessment but as parts of the affected areas still remain inaccessible and rains continue, there are delays due to access challenges. WFP will be providing technical support for the assessment.



WFP Mozambique [interactive map](#) for the cyclone season.

## Contacts

**Antonella D'Aprile**, Country Director

**Pierre Lucas**, Deputy Country Director

**Giorgia Wizemann**, Partnerships Officer,  
[giorgia.wizemann@wfp.org](mailto:giorgia.wizemann@wfp.org)

Follow us on our [Website](#) or [Twitter](#)