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WFP Mozambique

Cyclone Freddy External Situation Report #8

23 March 2023

Situation In Numbers

- **1,074,970** people affected
- **8** provinces affected
- **391,442** ha of farmland damaged
- **176** deaths reported
- **210,740** houses damaged
- **230** accommodation centres operational, housing 184,282 people

WFP response

- **28,200** people have received food assistance

Highlights

- Cholera cases are rising in seven of the affected provinces and have already crossed the 11,500 mark.
- Through cash-based transfers, WFP has provided 7-day rations (covering 100 percent of people's daily kcal requirements) for 17,545 people, hosted in accommodation centres and 30-days rations (covering 75 percent of daily kcal needs) for 10,655 people returning to the community.

Situation Update

- Cyclone Freddy has dissipated, and no cyclonic activity is forecast over the next five days. Moderate rain is expected in all northern provinces in the next 5 days. The water levels in almost all rivers are slowly reducing.
- Cholera cases continue to rise, with high numbers of cases being reported in accommodation centres. As a preventative measure to curb the spread of the disease, and due to the Government's desire to re-open schools, accommodation centres are being closed.
- Access constraints remain 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, boats or air transport. 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 will issue a joint flash appeal to mobilise resources for the Cyclone Freddy emergency response scale-up.

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.
- 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's emergency response includes 7-day rations (catering for 100 percent of the kcal needs) for people taking refuge in accommodation centres and 30-day rations (catering for 75 percent of the kcal needs) for people returning to the community and targeted people continuing to reside in the community. Overall, WFP has assisted 28,200 people as of 23 March. As the Government closes the accommodation centres, WFP is reassessing its operational plans for assistance in the coming days.
- WFP jointly with the nutrition cluster identified 7 priority districts in Zambezia province for the nutrition response. WFP food assistance will be scaled up in the coming days to integrate nutrition support for targeted members of the community.

Needs and assessments

- WFP continues to support the Government in rapid needs and damage assessments to tailor response efforts. In Sofala, WFP has provided logistical support to the National Institute of Disaster Risk Reduction (INGD) to carry out assessments and conducted joint protection assessment with INGD in accommodation centres and places of return.
- A Multi-Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) is ongoing in Zambezia, with 6 districts currently under assessment.
- The government department responsible for assessments on food and nutrition, SETSAN – Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition, is preparing the post-shock assessment for Food Security and Nutrition along with WFP and other partners. The assessment will begin on 27 March. It will cover all districts affected by natural disaster and conflict in the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Maputo, Gaza, Inhambane, Zambezia, Sofala, Tete, Manica, Nampula and Niassa.



Gloria, "I lost my house and all that was inside. The metal sheets that were my roof have been blown away. I fled here with my children. I am hopeless, now life is just waking up and waiting for the day to pass".



Gloria lost all her crops. The corn and peanuts she grows are now rotten and can't be used to even cook one meal.



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

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