

Mozambique: Flooding

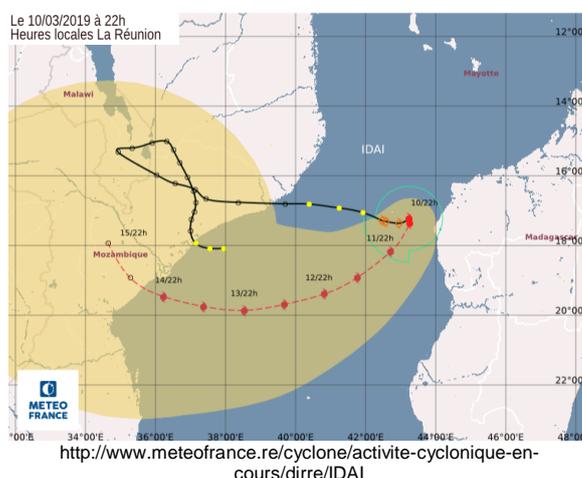
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Highlights

- At least 10 deaths reported, and 62,975 people were affected by the floods in Zambézia, Tete and Niassa provinces;
- At least 10,512 people are displaced in Zambezia, Tete and Niassa sheltered in 15 transit centers;
- At least 83,318 ha of crop area are flooded affecting 54,853 smallholder farmers;
- The Tropical depression in Mozambique channel evolved to Tropical storm called IDAI and will reach tropical cyclone stage in the coming days;
- National water resources authorities alert that at least 120,000 people are at risk of flooding and heavy rains in the coming days;



Situation Overview

The National Institute of Meteorology (INAM) issued on 10 March 2019 an alert regarding the system formed in the Mozambique channel which evolved from Tropical Depression to Moderate Tropical Storm called IDAI. This system is causing heavy rains (> 100mm in 24h) together with thunderstorms and strong winds. The system is moving towards the coastal region of Sofala and Zambézia provinces which may reach tropical cyclone stage influencing the weather conditions from 13 March 2019. The identified risk areas are the provinces of Zambézia, Sofala, Manica and Tete. The northern region of the country especially Niassa and Cabo Delgado province are also recording heavy rains.

Given the weather forecast indicated by INAM, the national water resources authorities informed that in the next 72h might occur moderate to high urban flooding in the cities of Beira, Quelimane and Dondo where an estimated 20,000 people are at risk. Although there was a reduction in the rainfall in the last 24h, there is prevalence of flooded areas in the districts of Namacurra and Maganja da Costa in Zambézia province.

Furthermore, and as mentioned in the previous update, the Licungo, Zambeze, Pungoe and Buzi river basins might record a rise in the water levels and overcome the alert levels resulting in moderate to high flooding in the flooding plain of those rivers which may affect more than 100,000 people.

The Government authorities are leading the response and together with the partners providing humanitarian assistance to the affected population. On 11 March 2019, there will be a high-level meeting which will be chaired by the Prime-Minister to assess the situation and recommend further measures to be taken in a view of likely cyclone landfall in Sofala and Zambézia provinces.

Impact and Response

In terms of impact, as of today 10 March 2019, **Zambézia** province is the most affected area with 43,205 people affected, death toll of 4, 3,090 houses totally destroyed, 286 classrooms affected (most of them were partially destroyed) and 78,627 ha of crops flooded (affecting 52,210 smallholder farmers). Still in Zambézia, there are at least 6,542 people displaced and hosted in 11 transit centers. Within the population affected, it was identified vulnerable groups in a total of 894 people which 683 are orphan children and 165 elderly people. As of 10 March,

about 575 people were assisted (19 are pregnant women) with the health professionals and there 186 cases of Malaria and 11 of diarrhea.

The provincial authorities in Zambézia indicated major needs on family tents (about 1,490), water purifier (certeza – 16,000 units), mosquito net (28,000), blankets (8,000) among other non-food items such as kitchen kits, slabs, jerrycans and shelter kits. The Education sector estimates that 19,961 students and 543 teaches are affected and indicated the needs on school tents (06), leaner kits and teacher kits.

The provincial government has some stocks available to assist the affected population but are well below the needs. The preliminary funding estimation for the response in Zambezia is US\$14 million and only includes food assistance for 15 days, emergency road rehabilitation and some NFI.

In **Tete province** there are 3,782 families affected (about 18,910 people), at least 2,032 houses flooded, 2,950 students and 56 teachers affected. The reported death toll is 06. An estimated crop area of 4,691ha is flooded affecting 2,643 smallholder farmers. There are 3,110 people (622 families) displaced and hosted in one transit center with 64 tents installed by the provincial authorities. It is ongoing in the transit center awareness campaign for the adoption good hygiene practices and sanitation, construction of latrines and rational water use. A bridge that provided access to the several communities in Nkondezi locality, in Moatize district was partially washed away, cutting off access to school, health post, market etc. Access to Mutarara an Doa districts is cut off too.

The provincial HCT focal points, identified some immediate needs for the 2 accommodation center- ACs (1 is transit center, that shortly will become an AC): 5 school tents to accommodate 30 classrooms in the 2 ACs in Tete city; School materials for 761 students in primary school and 107 students in secondary school needed; Hygiene kits needed for ACs; Additional family tents.

The heavy rains also affected Niassa province in northern region of the country. There are 175 families (860 people) displaced in Cuamba (95 families) and Mandimba (80 families) hosted in two transit centers. Government is providing assistance to this people. The table** below shows a summary of the impacts of the floods in three provinces.

Province	People affected	People displaced	Transit centers	Death toll
Zambézia	43,205	6,542	11	4
Tete	18,910	3,110	2	6
Niassa	N/A	860	2	N/A
Total	62,115	10,512	15	10

**The source of information in the table is the Provincial Emergency operating Center

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