

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

IOM, UN Migration Agency continues to provide support to the Government of Zimbabwe as well as the individuals and communities affected by crisis, and actively contributes to the efforts of the international community to identify ways to address future humanitarian challenges more effectively. IOM activities in Zimbabwe include disaster preparedness and response as well as strengthening core capacities for public health measures at points of entry (PoEs) and to provide critical services to mobile population.

It was predicted by the Meteorological Services Department of Zimbabwe (MSD) that the 2020-2021 rainy season would see normal to above normal rainfall when compared to recent years. These rains have affected many different people including those who are yet to recover from the 2019 Tropical Cyclone Idai. Since the start of the 2020-2021 most parts of the country have experienced heavy rains and there has been two tropical storms: tropical storm Chalane and tropical cyclone Eloise, these events have been compounding on each other as well as on the effects of the March 2019 tropical cyclone, Idai.

**9,661** households affected by the cyclones

## TROPICAL CYCLONE ELOISE



Flooding reported in several areas



**101 IDP** households living in Chimanimani camps were moved to evacuation centers



**253 households** had damaged homes



**145 IDP** households



**96 households** had homes totally destroyed



**65 IDP** households in urgent need for shelter support

Tropical cyclone Eloise made its way through Zimbabwe on 23-24 January 2021. It was accompanied by heavy rains and some moderate winds. The cyclone affected Manicaland, Masvingo and Matabeleland South provinces causing flooding and mudslides in some areas. In **Chimanimani** a total of **101 IDP households (265 individuals)** who were living in IDP camps due to the effects of the 2019 cyclone Idai were evacuated to several evacuation centres. In **Chipinge** damages to homes were reported in 7 wards with a total of **190 households (35 homes are non-habitable, and 165 houses are partially damaged)**. An **urgent request for tents for 30 families** in Chipinge ward 12 was made on 26 January by the Chipinge District Civil Protection Committee. IOM provided 90 tarpaulins and 30 NFI kits and World Vision provided 90 blankets for the 30 families. In **Buhera** 2 homesteads had their roofs blown off in ward 17. **Tugwi Mukosi Dam spilled over for the first time** on 23 January which puts households located down stream in danger and as a result evacuations of these households have started. So far **47 households (172 individuals)** were relocated to higher ground. 50 tents were sourced from the Red Cross. In **Chiredzi** an estimated **31 households** have had their homes destroyed by cyclone Eloise. The households need assistance with emergency shelter support. At the moment no interventions have been done yet.



IOM distributing kits in Chimanimani district. © IOM 2021

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### TROPICAL STORM CHALANE



**494 households** had damaged homes



**432** IDP households



**283** IDP households in urgent need of shelter support

Tropical storm Chalane made its way through Zimbabwe on the 30th of December 2020 bringing with it heavy rains. It affected several districts in Manicaland and Masvingo Provinces. In **Gutu 33 households** were displaced and they are still in need of emergency shelter support. **Masvingo rural** reported **31 households** (193 individuals) affected by tropical storm Chalane who are still in need of shelter support. IOM has activated referral pathway mechanisms and is coordinating humanitarian response within the UN Humanitarian country team. In **Zaka** there is a caseload of over **200 households** in ward 20 and **168 households** in ward 25 whose homes were affected in various degrees by tropical storm Chalane that remains vulnerable and in need of shelter support. In **Chiredzi** an estimated that **13 households** have had their homes destroyed by tropical storm Chalane. Of the 13 only 1 received emergency shelter support hence the remaining households are still in need of assistance with emergency shelter. In **Gokwe South 20 households** had their homes destroyed by heavy rains. They received emergency shelter support in the form of tents from the DDC's office, however appeals for a more permanent solution have been made. In **Mutare urban 6 homes** in the Dagamvura, Gimboki area were destroyed by the heavy rains. In **Budiriro Harare** the Marimba river bursts its banks on the 11th of January 2021 due to the heavy rains, leading to flash floods. The floods affected about **36 houses** that are built close to the riverbank and several families were marooned while their houses, property, and food items were ruined.

### TROPICAL CYCLONE IDAI



**19,412** IDPs



**9,019** IDP households in urgent need for shelter support

Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall in Zimbabwe on 15 March 2019, the country experienced floods and sustained heavy rains caused by the weather system. To gather comprehensive information on the needs and situation of the tropical cyclone Idai aftermath, a DTM Baseline Assessment was carried out between 27 October and 11 November 2020. The result of the baseline showed that **more than 19,000 individuals** were still displaced just before the onset of the 2020-2021 rainy season. In total, **9,019 households** were reported to be still in need of shelter support, with **3,609** households having received emergency shelter support since the cyclone made its landfall in Zimbabwe. Due to Cyclone Idai there are some households living in IDP camps who have been affected by the heavy rains this year.

### SHELTER CLUSTER RESPONSE

With the landfall of Tropical Cyclone Eloise on 23 and 24 January 2021, preliminary information has been shared from the field. However, assessments are currently in progress in the following districts: Beitbridge, Zaka, Bikita, Chiredzi, Gutu, Chipinge and Chimanimani. Chipinge is in need of urgent emergency shelter and NFI assistance for 30 households.

- ◆ IOM is providing **90** tarpaulins and **30** NFI kits.
- ◆ World Vision is providing **90** blankets.

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