
HIGHLIGHTS

- Cholera cases continue to rise, with some 64 cases reported in Pemba (57) and Mecufi (7), 45 of whom had been discharged, as of 0700hrs 5 May.
- Nearly 41,700 school-age children were reportedly affected by cyclone Kenneth, with 477 classrooms destroyed or damaged, according to the Government.
- More than 37,400 people have been reached with food assistance in the most-affected districts of Ibo, Macomia and Quissanga, according to WFP.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The number of people affected by Cyclone Kenneth in Cabo Delgado Province of Mozambique has risen to 217,112 people as of 5 May, according to the National Disaster Management Institute (INGC). Nearly 28,200 hectares of crops have been destroyed, and nearly 55,500 hectares have been affected, by the cyclone and floods.

A total of 64 cholera cases had been reported in health centres in Pemba and Mecufi, as of 5 May. Following Cyclone Kenneth's landfall on 25 April, at least 19 health facilities have been damaged in Cabo Delgado, with severe damage to water and sanitation facilities in multiple locations; heightening the risk of water-borne diseases. Malaria is endemic in the areas impacted by the cyclone and has been raised by all communities visited as a major health concern. In several locations where health facilities have been damaged or destroyed, malaria medicines were ruined during the cyclone and subsequent torrential rains.

High winds and heavy rains resulting from the impact of Cyclone Kenneth have damaged roads and other critical infrastructure – leaving some communities cutoff from the rest of the country. Villages such as Nacuta in Metuge and Bibliza and Mahate in Quissanga remain unreachable due to flooding and damages to transport infrastructure.

Water levels are decreasing in the river basins of Messalo and Megaruma in Cabo Delgado. However, communities are still being advised by authorities to avoid activities on or near river banks. The river basins of Messalo, Montepuez and Megaruma and Mecuburi, Meluli and Larde rivers in Nampula province remain on red alert, and flooding has impacted the districts of Metuge and Mecufi in Cabo Delgado, as well as areas in northern Nampula, particularly Erati district.

Power and communication lines remain cut in many of these affected areas, hindering communication and information flow on the full extent of the humanitarian impact in the affected districts.

RESPONSE

At least 37,437 people have been reached with food assistance in the hardest-hit districts of Ibo, Macomia and Quissanga since Cyclone Kenneth made landfall, according to the Food Security Cluster. In Macomia District, WFP has reached more than 21,000 people with 275 MT of rice, beans, oil and salt. WFP has also dispatched 1 MT of Ready to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) and 1.1 MT of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) to reach some 1,222 people in need. In Ibo district, 16.425 MT of HEB, RUSF, rice, oil and beans were delivered to Ibo Island. To date, WFP, SEPPA and Red Cross Volunteers have reached 5,556 people on Ibo island with a distribution of a 3-day ration of HEB. In Matemo island, 2.19 MT of rice, beans and oil were delivered and are ready for distribution. In Quissanga, 11 MT of HEB and 1.695 of RUSF were delivered, distribution is underway with a total of 8,588 affected people reached to date. In Pemba, 2 MT of rice and 0.55 MT of beans were dispatched to INGC to support their distribution in accommodation centers in the city. Private sector partners are distributing cooked food in Centro de Congresso (600 people) and Complex Esportivo (400 people) and will continue for the next seven days.

Health partners have distributed cholera kits to Mecufi Cholera Treatment Unit, in addition to 23 sexual and reproduction health kits and six tents distributed to Ibo, Macomia, Chai, Quiterajaro and Quessanga. Team Rubicon, a veteran-led global disaster response organization, has launched a mobile medical aid operation in Cabo Delgado Province, to provide support to residents impacted by Cyclone Kenneth. Working in conjunction with local, provincial, and national authorities, Team Rubicon volunteers will provide mobile medical services to affected communities including, triage, clinical care, and basic laboratory and pharmacy capabilities.

Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH) partners continued to supply water and distributed hygiene and dignity kits to Esportivo and Centro de Congresso collective sites in Pemba. In Macomia Town water trucking is being provided to schools and hospitals and trainings on disinfection of wells started on 5 May. More than 4,000 bottles of certeza are being distributed on Ibo island and 7,000 bottles of certeza are being distributed in cholera-affected areas of Pemba.

Some 13,230 tarpaulins have arrived in Pemba and a further 34,950 tarpaulins are in the pipeline. In Macomia town, more than 700 households have received tarpaulins, while tarpaulins for more than 1,400 households have been delivered to Ibo Island, Matemo Island and Mucojo town for distribution. More than 100 humanitarian staff have been trained by IOM, with UNICEF assistance on PSEA/protection, on shelter distribution and additional trainings are planned in the coming days.

The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster is expanding coverage to Matemo Island to ensure connectivity for humanitarian response. The Cluster is already providing coverage in Ibo Island and agency offices across Pemba.

Common storage facilities have been identified in Pemba for partners to store in-coming cargo. The Logistics Cluster is scaling-up boat capacity in collaboration with private companies that have offered support. Meanwhile, private sector companies, working under the umbrella of the Conselho Empresarial Provincial – Cabo Delgado (CTA), continue to provide financial and in-kind contributions, including relief items, to people affected by Cyclone Kenneth.

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