

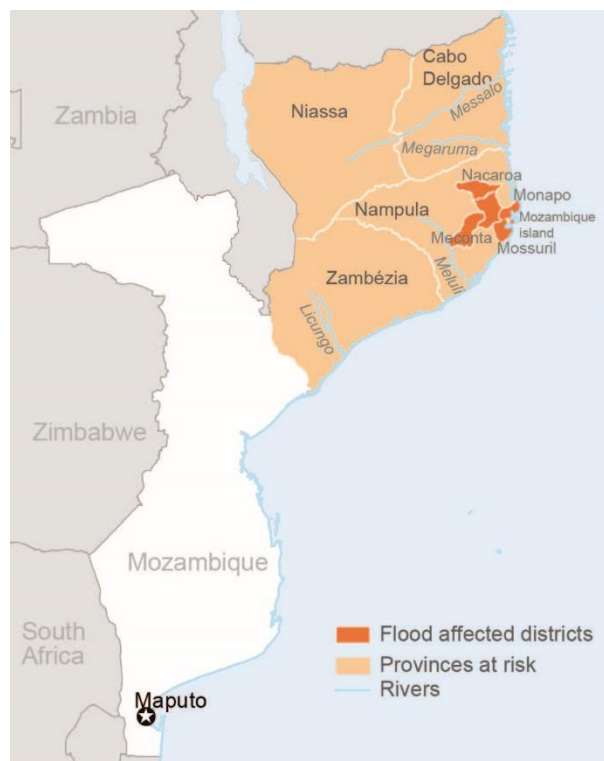


Highlights

- Heavy rains are causing flash floods in the northern parts of Mozambique since 16 January 2018.
- Ten deaths reported and more than 73,200 people affected by heavy rainfall in Nampula province.
- Cost of immediate repairs for the affected infrastructure estimated at US\$4.5 million.

Situation

The tropical depression that has been resulting in heavy rains and flash floods in the northern parts of Mozambique since 16 January has led to 10 deaths and affected more than 73,200 people in Nampula province, according to the National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC). Over 14,400 houses were damaged, including about 8,800 partially destroyed and 5,600 completely destroyed. Eight health units, 422 classrooms and 135 electricity poles were damaged. The most affected districts are Monapo, Meconta, Mossuril, Mozambique Island and Nacaroa. There are access constraints to Mossuril district due to impassable roads. According to the National Meteorological Services, the forecast for 23 and 24 January indicates weak to moderate rainfall in Nampula province.



Response

The immediate repair costs for the affected infrastructure, including roads, agriculture, education and housing, is estimated at US\$4.5 million. The ongoing response coordinated by the INGC includes: food assistance to 13,892 families and provision of non-food items to 3,314 people hosted in transit centres in Mossuril and Mozambique Island; community awareness regarding the prevention of water borne diseases; and reestablishment of electricity in almost all districts.

The next Flash Update will be issued as required, as soon as more information is available.