Humanitarian Impact

168,254 people in need of assistance, of which around 90,000 are children, amongst the most vulnerable and poorest in the country. More than 34,964 houses had been recorded as totally destroyed (2,930) or partially destroyed (32,034), according to the National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC). 30 accommodation centers have been opened to provide shelter and assistance to 20,720 people. 14 health facilities have so far been recorded as damaged. At least 193 classrooms have been destroyed or damaged, impacting 21,717 students, according to INGC.

Cyclone Kenneth hit Cabo Delgado during the main harvest season. An estimated 31,256 hectares of crops have been destroyed.

The most acute needs for children are prevention of cholera and acute watery diarrhea, and access to health services.

UNICEF Response

UNICEF deployed an emergency team to Cabo Delgado in advance of the landfall and is providing a coordinated multi-sectorial response (WASH, Health & Nutrition, Child Protection, Logistics and Emergency coordination) to the most affected population on the ground. These experts are working with the national disaster authority INGC to organise the first response.

UNICEF supplies arrived to the affected area of Pemba on 28 April, including the first WASH and Health supplies (health kits with basic medicine, tarpaulin sheets for the construction of health points, latrines and basic shelter, water purification products and devices, water bladders, etc.). Distribution of critical supplies started on 29 April, to meet the initial primary health care needs of 10,000 people over 3 months and to provide 10,000 families with household water treatment for 1 month.

A joint UNICEF/WFP mission was deployed to Macomia to assess the situation and organize food assistance.

A Prevention Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) system is being established, briefings provided and comprehensive training scheduled for all humanitarian actors on 1 May by UNICEF and OCHA.

Given the cholera risk, UNICEF and partners are working towards setting up a cholera treatment centre (CTC).