



# WFP Mozambique Situation Report # 3

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## In Numbers

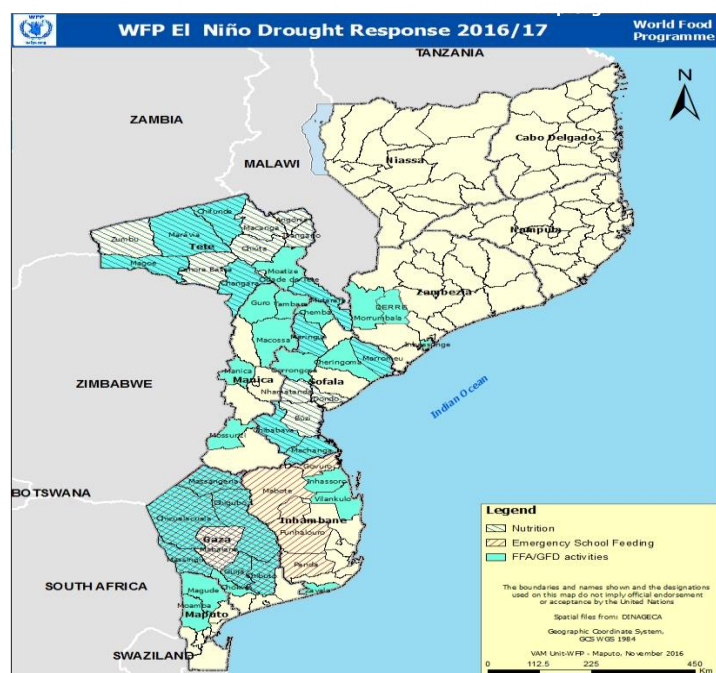
- **2.1 million** people acutely food insecure
- **616,744** people reached in January
- **589,458** people reached under FFA/GFD
- **13,780** children reached with school meals
- **13,506** displaced people assisted
- **1,615** received nutrition rehabilitation support

## Highlights

- Heavy rainfall and flash floods in parts of Manica province have damaged access roads resulting in delays for food deliveries.
- WFP will partner with World Vision to support 10,000 people with commodity vouchers redeemable at nearby participating food outlets.

## Overview:

### WFP Activities in Mozambique:



- WFP's response to the El Niño induced drought is currently being scaled-up to reach more food-insecure people. Activities are designed to address immediate food needs while at the same time helping vulnerable communities to withstand future shocks.
- WFP is providing assistance of various kinds - food for people building and restoring community assets, emergency school meals and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition among children, and pregnant and nursing women.

## Operational Update:

### Food for Assets and General Food Distributions (FFA/GFD):

- A total 589,458\* people were reached during the January distribution cycle.
- In January, WFP's response continued to be affected by heavy rainfall in parts of Manica and Tete province resulting in late deliveries of food commodities from Beira shipment point to partners in Sussudenga, Mussorize, Tambara and Macossa districts.
- The fuel shortage that recently affected the country also resulted in delayed food deliveries to areas in need.
- In January, thanks to donors' support WFP introduced vegetable oil in its food basket as agreed with the Food Security Cluster. Until December 2016, WFP had reduced rations in terms of cereals and pulses due to funding constraints.
- In February, as part of the drought response activities, WFP through a partnership with World Vision will provide food vouchers for 10,000 people in Cahora Bassa and Changara districts, in Tete province.
- The assistance will initially be for two months period and beneficiaries will be able to redeem the commodity vouchers for maize meal, beans, rice, oil, sugar and salt at nearby participating retail outlets.
- The adoption of commodity vouchers will increase transfer options for WFP as well as a

contingency planning measure should markets be further stretched in future.

### **Emergency School Feeding (ESF):**

- In January, WFP finalised preparations for the school meals activities and concluded Field Level Agreements (FLAs) negotiations with various partners.
- Following the start of the 2017 academic year, school meals activities resumed in some schools in Inhambane and Gaza provinces. Since 20 January, some 13,780 children received on-site school meals. More children will be reached in February as the school term progresses.
- WFP is assisting 365 of the selected primary and secondary schools out of 514 schools in the selected districts. Participating schools were prioritized according to education indicators and food insecurity levels in the location of the school.

### **Nutrition:**

- WFP continued with the set-up for the scale-up of the nutrition response continued throughout January. WFP finalized agreements with Provincial Health Directorates of Cabo-Delgado, Nampula, Tete and Zambezia provinces whilst negotiations are ongoing with Sofala and Gaza authorities.
- To support the scale-up of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment in the 6 provinces, WFP deployed additional field staff and opened a field office in Pemba to support activities in Cabo-Delgado.
- Meanwhile, in January, 1,615 malnourished pregnant and nursing women, and children under 5 years received nutrition rehabilitation assistance.

### **Supply Chain:**

- In order to reach isolated communities following the incessant rains and flash floods which have damaged roads, WFP used canoes in Magoé district and railway services in Mutarara district as roads were either

impassable. WFP is exploring the use of river barges for future deliveries.

### **Food Security Cluster (FSC):**

- As part of the post-drought response planning, the Food Security Cluster will conduct an after-action review of the ongoing drought response with a view of drawing lessons to inform future responses.

### **Assessments:**

- Following the Secretariado Técnico de Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional (SETSAN) food security monitoring conducted in November 2016, the number of people acutely food insecure at the height of the hunger season has been revised upwards from 1.4 to 2.1 million.

### **Resourcing:**

- WFP is grateful to the following donors including Multilaterals and Private donors who have contributed to the drought response.



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