



WFP Mozambique Situation Report # 4

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In Numbers

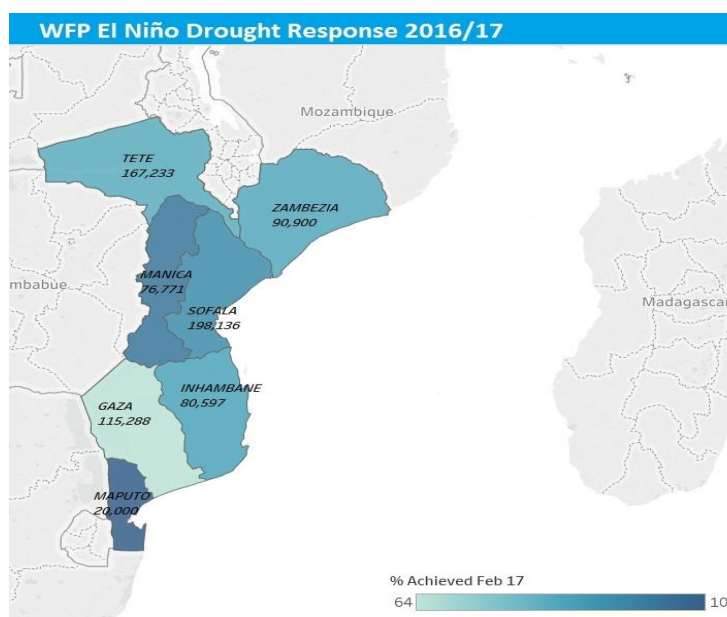
- **2.1 million** people acutely food insecure
- **748,925** people reached in February
- **661,988** people reached under FFA/GFD
- **6,345** FFA beneficiaries received food vouchers
- **82,283** children reached with school meals
- **4,654** received nutrition rehabilitation support

Highlights

- WFP has scaled up its El Niño response, reaching 748,925 food insecure people in February.
- A Budget Revision to extend WFP's Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 200355 by a further three months from April to June 2017 is currently underway.
- WFP plans to respond to Cyclone Dineo in Inhambane province targeting 50,000 people over the next three months and is seeking donor funding to cover borrowed stocks.

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.
- Through PRRO 200355, 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, pregnant and nursing women.

Operational Update:

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

- Despite challenges to access hard-to-reach areas cut off by flooding and water-logging as well as breaks in food pipeline due to re-infestation of commodities, WFP completed the February distribution cycle for the 36 targeted districts across 7 provinces. WFP managed to assist a total 661,988 people reached during the February distribution cycle with unconditional transfers and Food for Assets.
- As part of the emergency drought response activities, WFP through a partnership with World Vision provided commodity vouchers to 6,345 FFA beneficiaries in Cahora Bassa and Changara districts, in Tete province. Beneficiaries are redeeming the commodity vouchers for maize meal, beans, rice, oil, sugar and salt at nearby participating retail outlets.
- The adoption of commodity vouchers has increased transfer options for WFP and will be useful as a contingency planning measure should markets be further stretched in future.

Tropical Cyclone Dineo response:

- At least 550,691 people in Inhambane province were affected by Cyclone Dineo. Of these, the most vulnerable are estimated at 38,255 people with food amongst the priority needs.
- In response, WFP finalized field level agreements with ADRA to provide food assistance through unconditional transfers and food for assets/work to assist 50,000 beneficiaries in four districts through FFA/GFD. The districts identified for support are Inhambane, Maxixe, Massinga and Morrumbene. Meanwhile, food dispatches to the affected areas using existing stocks borrowed from the ongoing drought response commenced in early March. Food distributions are planned to start later in the month. WFP is hopeful to receive donor funding to offset food stocks borrowed from the ongoing drought response, as reflected in the Flash Appeal.
- Planned FFA activities include opening and repair of drainage and irrigation systems, construction of greenhouses for fruit trees and vegetables, opening of cassava and sweet potatoes seed multiplication fields and rehabilitation of access roads.

Emergency School Feeding (ESF):

- Following a limited reach of the Emergency School Feeding activities in January as the 2017 academic year was starting, the number of school children receiving meals increased in February. Despite access challenges, parts of Gaza and Inhambane provinces, WFP provided school meals to 82,283 to children in 277 primary and secondary schools equivalent to 87 percent of the target. Participating schools were prioritized according to education indicators and food insecurity levels in the location of the school.



Nutrition:

- The set-up phase for the scale-up of the nutrition response is now at an advanced stage. WFP conducted Nutrition Rehabilitation trainings in Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces to 150 Ministry of health staff, 18 WFP staff and 20 partner staff on treatment of

MAM in both children aged 6 to 59 months as well as pregnant and nursing women.

- In an effort to enhance field monitoring and evaluation efforts of nutrition activities, WFP has deployed additional monitors and staff to various provinces.
- In conjunction with MISAU, WFP has developed and tested Information Education & Communication (IEC) material to be used by Community Health Workers for community mobilization and health promotion in areas targeted for nutrition activities.



Supply Chain:

- WFP continued to use canoes and barges for its last mile deliveries in Chicualacuala, Chibuto, Funhalouro Mabalane and Mabote districts where rains and flooding have cut access. WFP is using river barges to conduct last mile deliveries in hard-to-reach areas.
- Cereals at Beira port warehouses were affected by continuous re-infestation which consequently slowed down WFP dispatches.



Resourcing:

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



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