
1. General Update

- On the evening of Thursday 14 March Category 3 Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall in Beira, Mozambique's fourth largest city, bringing high wind speeds of up to 224 km per hour and heavy rains. The cyclone followed extensive flooding throughout the Mozambique provinces of Zambézia, Tete and Niassa in early March that caused significant infrastructure damage, interrupting regular supply routes. According to OCHA an estimated 1.85 million persons are in need of humanitarian assistance and more than 50 locations remain hard to reach in Nhamatanda, Buzi and Chibabava districts.
- Mozambique was hit by a second cyclone on 25 April. Category 4 Tropical Cyclone Kenneth made landfall in Cabo Delgado province, bringing wind speeds of up to 200 km per hour and heavy rains. The cyclone left a trail of destruction in the districts of Quissanga, Macomia and Ibo, the most affected areas, with 90% of infrastructure reported to be severely compromised on Ibo and Matemo islands.
- The National Disaster Management Agency (INGC) is leading the response. The Logistics Cluster was activated on 20 March. WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, has been requested by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to provide coordination and information management support, and facilitate access of common logistics services to assist the humanitarian community in their efforts to deliver life-saving items across affected areas.
- Ongoing rain in Pemba is expected to worsen the flooding situation in the coming days. Damage to power and telecommunications infrastructure is posing a challenge to humanitarian responders.
- Organisations already in-country responding to Cyclone Idai have begun extending their response to the regions affected by Cyclone Kenneth.
- A Logistics Cluster Officer has been deployed to Pemba to support response efforts.

2. Access Constraints

Northern Mozambique

- Significant transport infrastructure damage has been reported with at least three bridges having collapsed and several roads impassable due to heavy rains and flash flooding. Road access to impacted districts in the north is significantly reduced.
- There is limited access in Nampula Province due to damage to two roads which are now inaccessible: Memba to Muzo due to a bridge collapse, and Nametil to Angoche due to a broken aqueduct. Both routes have alternatives.
- Access via the N243 road linking Macomia to the northern districts of Muidumbe, Mocimboa, Palma, Mueda and Nangade has been hindered by the Muagamula river bursting its banks.
- Approximately 2 km of the R767 road linking Montepuez to Meluco have collapsed and the road is now inaccessible.
- The Chai road from Macomia bridge to Mienguela is inaccessible.

Central Mozambique

- As road access improves, the use of air assets is focused on areas still inaccessible by road as per priorities defined by OCHA.
- Organisations are encouraged to share road access and rehabilitation project updates with the Atlas Logistique focal point (pierretrouche@yahoo.fr).
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with partner representatives from INGC and the Ministry of Transport to share information on road access and mapping. An assessment mission to areas that remain hard to reach will be conducted in the coming days.
- The road to South Buzi is accessible to trucks under 10 mt in weight, but the condition of bridges does not allow the crossing of trucks of a higher capacity.
- The road from Beira to Pemba remains open and accessible to trucks up to 30 mt.
- In Muanza, the road from Dondo to Caia remains very difficult to access and the broken Nhamatanda bridge significantly affects the passage of trucks from Tica to Inchope. In Mossurize, the N260 road is still impassable, despite ongoing reparation efforts.

2. Logistics operations

Air Transport

Northern Mozambique

- Two WFP Aviation helicopters (Mi-8) are based in Pemba airport to airlift life-saving cargo - as per OCHA priorities - to affected areas.
- Pemba Airport is open and receiving daily commercial flights from Maputo and Beira.
- Handling services are available at Pemba airport for partners as well as necessary equipment for 737 aircraft offloading.
- On 1 May, a 737 aircraft transporting NFIs for partners landed in Pemba. A total of six 737 aircrafts (100 mt total capacity) are expected to arrive in the coming days.
- Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is providing a Caravan aircraft for the transport of passengers and cargo to the islands of Ibo.

Central Mozambique

- One WFP Aviation helicopter (Mi-8) will remain available until the end of May to ensure urgent cargo reaches areas which remain inaccessible by road. Any possible extension beyond this date depends on the availability of funds.
- Organisations wanting to request air transport of cargo are requested to submit their [Service Request Form](#) as soon as possible.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating passenger transport requests on an ad hoc basis and based on the existing helicopter flight schedule. Organisations are encouraged to submit their requests for passenger transport via email to the Logistics Cluster's [Information Management Officer](#).

Sea Transport

Northern Mozambique

- The Port of Pemba did not sustain damage during the storm.

- The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access to one 60 mt boat based at Pemba port for the transport of relief items to impacted islands off the coast.

Road Transport

Northern Mozambique

- Transport services will be provided on an ad hoc basis depending on partner needs and final destinations/locations.

Central Mozambique

- Commercial options for road transport are easily accessible in Beira, therefore the Logistics Cluster will no longer facilitate road transport services from Beira to locations that are accessible. The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access to available space in partners' trucks to maximise transport capacity.
- Buzi City is now accessible for light vehicle and trucks up to 20 mt. South Buzi remains extremely difficult to access by road therefore boats and helicopters are still the main delivery modalities to reach this location.

Storage

Northern Mozambique

- The Logistics Cluster and WFP have conducted a joint assessment on the available storage capacity in Pemba. The assessment identified a common storage facility to be used by Logistics Cluster partners for both food and NFI storage needs.

Central Mozambique

- The Logistics Cluster airport temporary storage facility remains available for cargo to be transported by air. Storage facilities remain available in Beira, Chimoio, Buzi and Nhamatanda.
- Temporary storage is also available at the WFP warehouse in Beira with a total capacity of approximately 1,000 m². Partners interested in accessing Logistics Cluster common storage services can refer to the [Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) available on the [operation page](#).

Customs

- The Logistics Cluster is currently compiling customs clearance procedures for the importation of relief items into Pemba Airport.
- OCHA Customs unit in Geneva has issued a third [Customs Immigration and Quarantine Procedures \(CIQP\) bulletin](#) for Malawi and Mozambique. A [WhatsApp group](#), administered by OCHA Geneva and the Mozambique Revenue Authority was created to answer partners' questions related to customs.

Other

- Partners joining the operation in Mozambique are welcomed to meet with the Logistics Cluster teams in Beira, Chimoio or Pemba to access the various information-sharing platforms to support coordination activities.

For the most up to date information on Logistics Cluster coordination meetings taking place in Beira, Chimoio and Maputo please refer regularly to the Mozambique [operation page](#).

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