

# MOZAMBIQUE

## CYCLONE IDAI: ONE MONTH ON, NEEDS ARE OUTPACING FUNDING

### BACKGROUND

On 14 March, Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique bringing devastation to the port City of Beira and surrounding areas. The following weekend, the weather system swept more through additional areas of the central region, causing massive flooding and leaving entire swathes of the country submerged under 10 metres of water.

In the aftermath of the storm, there was an inspiring and instant outpouring of international support and solidarity. More than 14 countries, including 5 from Africa, deployed over 100 assets to support the aid effort, and relief supplies were flown in from around the world. Civil Protection mechanisms were activated and Emergency Medical Teams were deployed. Donors triggered crisis mechanisms and the Emergency Relief Coordinator allocated \$14 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), enabling humanitarian actors to rapidly scale-up operations. Aid organisations pre-financed more than \$55 million for the response using internal funds that must now be repaid.

The incredible generosity of the international community has enabled the Government of Mozambique and aid agencies to reach more than 750,000 people with food assistance, vaccinate more than 745,000 people against cholera, deliver shelter and non-food items to more than 100,000 people, engage even the most remote communities on issues such as prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, establish clear referral pathways and services for survivors of gender-based violence, and so much more.

One month on, the humanitarian situation remains critical. Hundreds of thousands of people who have lost everything require external assistance to survive: hundreds of hectares of crops have been lost; disease outbreaks (malaria and cholera) are not yet under control; over 160,000 people remain in accommodation sites; and basic services have not yet been fully re-established.

Yet, resources are running out. The response to Cyclone Idai is just 21.4 per cent funded, with \$60.4 million received out of \$282 million requested. Although there are some resources in the pipeline, more are urgently needed to prevent the situation unravelling and allow the response to scale up and reach those most in need. Aid agencies are therefore calling on the international community to dig deep and urgently find additional funds to support the life-saving response. Unearmarked flexible financing will allow agencies to work most efficiently – to target the most critical needs and plug the most urgent gaps. Early action now will save considerable resources in the longer term. The medium term recovery and reconstruction effort – which is absolutely vital – will be made much more difficult if we are not able to stabilise the situation now.

### FUNDING PER SECTOR (US\$ MILLIONS)



### SECTORS OVERVIEW

The CCCM Cluster has received no funding, out of \$5.5 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, \$1.6 million is urgently required to: 1) improve capacity to facilitate direct engagement with the affected community in matters related to returns, temporary relocation and operationally coordinated service provision; 2) improve collective sites, including with respect to drainage and WASH, to prevent disease outbreaks; and 3) as more areas become accessible, support site preparation, planning, site improvement and decommissioning. Without this funding, humanitarian partners will be unable to improve living conditions in 90 displacement sites, leaving at least 130,000 people exposed to disease (within an ongoing cholera outbreak and malaria endemic area), over-crowding (as sites are not large enough to accommodate need) and protection risks.

Activities under the Education Cluster are just 4.7 per cent funded, with just over \$699,000 received out of more than \$15 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, \$10 million is urgently required to establish and equip temporary learning spaces to ensure children can resume learning as quickly as possible, and to begin the rehabilitation more than 3,300 damaged classrooms, affecting more than 260,000 children, as well as latrines, administrative blocs and teachers' houses in these facilities, and. This funding is also urgently required to ensure children have access to safe and protective spaces with gender-sensitive WASH facilities and handwashing facilities, which is particularly critical in the midst of a cholera outbreak. Without this funding, children will remain out of school for a prolonged period, increasing the likelihood of drop-out and exposing them to further protection concerns. In addition, partners will be unable to ensure learning spaces are safe and protective for children and have adequate WASH facilities.



Activities under the Food Security Cluster are **31.2 per cent funded**, with nearly \$48.9 million received out of \$156.4 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, over \$50 million is urgently required to implement food assistance and start early recovery livelihood activities (fisheries, horticulture, and livestock) to avert nation-wide food insecurity. Provision of horticulture inputs will support the void filled by the loss of the main maize harvest. **Without this funding, at least 1.2 million people will go to bed hungry every week** as partners will be unable to procure food to feed the people in need, and over 100,000 households will be unable to start their livelihoods, which is fundamental to help them to restore their dignity and will limit the dependency on humanitarian assistance



Activities under the Health Cluster are just **4.9 per cent funded**, with \$1.5 million received out of more than \$30.7 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. **For the next month, \$12 million is urgently required** for health partners, in support of the Ministry of Health, to prevent death and disease through the provision of life-saving essential health services. Funding is urgently required for: communicable disease outbreak control and response; provision of a basic package of health services in IDP accommodation centers; and strengthening health facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health. **Without this funding, there will be considerably less capacity to respond to increased rates of illness** for 1.8 million people due to communicable diseases, such as cholera and malaria, as well as an increase in preventable death and disease due to a shortage of basic life-saving medicines and supplies and a breakdown in health service delivery. At least 67,000 pregnant and lactating women – including those displaced by the crisis – will be left without access to essential maternal healthcare.



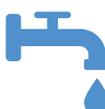
Activities under the Nutrition Cluster are just **5.1 per cent funded**, with just \$501,300 received of the required \$9.8 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, **\$4 million is urgently required** to implement screening and treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), and to rapidly scale up critical support services for pregnant and lactating women (PLW), including breastfeeding safe spaces, access to quality counselling, and nutritional support for PLW with MAM and HIV. **Without this funding, more than 300,000 people will not receive the nutrition interventions/services they need** (including 230,000 children under age 5 and 70,000 pregnant and lactating women).



Activities under the Protection Cluster are just **13.4 per cent funded**, with \$1.7 million received out of \$12.7 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, **\$12.2 million is urgently required** to provide life-saving protection activities, including prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Given the high vulnerability of women and children, earmarked funding is urgently requested for SGBV and Child Protection to identify and address risks. **Without this funding, 500,000 women and girls at severe risk of SGBV will not have access to life-saving support services** provided in women-friendly spaces, and 350,000 children will not receive psychosocial support services through child-friendly spaces and community-based psychosocial support. Furthermore, women and children will not receive urgently required prevention, mitigation and response services, and more than 100,000 girls will be at risk of being forced into unsafe coping mechanisms. The already high rates of SGBV will continue to rise, along with other rights violations against the most vulnerable.



Activities under the NFI/Emergency Shelter Cluster are just **13.9 per cent funded**, with nearly \$1.7 million received out of \$12.2 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, **\$9 million is urgently required** to implement distributions of emergency shelter kits in hard-to-reach rural areas, and in hard-hit urban settlements. **Without this funding, partners will not be able to buy and distribute 60,000 shelter kits** (shelter, tool kits, NFIs and blankets), leaving 300,000 people without adequate shelter.



Activities under the WASH Cluster are just **17 per cent funded**, with only \$3.7 million received out of more than \$21.8 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, **\$5.2 is urgently required** to implement key WASH response activities, including the provision of clean water and adequate sanitation to the displaced population and those returning to their damaged communities. These funds are especially critical to be able to essential rapid cholera vector control activities to limit the spread of the epidemic. **Without this funding, nearly 150,000 people will remain living in a very precarious environment**, without access to clean water and without safe sanitation.



The Early Recovery Working Group has **received no funding**, out of \$4.25 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, \$600,000 is urgently required to support appropriate waste management in critical areas. **Without this funding, partners will be unable to reduce threats to lives and health risks due to prolonged exposure to unsanitary environmental conditions.**



Activities under the Logistics Cluster are **40.9 per cent funded**, with \$3.8 million received out of \$9.3 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. For the next month, **\$500,000 is urgently required** to continue ensuring access to efficient, sufficient and reliable common logistics services (storage facilities, overland and air transport), coordination and operationally relevant information to ensure a timely and uninterrupted supply of life-saving relief items to affected populations. **Without this funding, logistics support to all organizations would effectively cease by May 2019** and affect the timely delivery of life-saving items.



Activities under the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster are **50 per cent funded**, with \$600,000 received out of \$1.2 million requested for Cyclone Idai response. The ETC **requires \$600,000** to provide critical communications services to humanitarian responders, including in emergency operations bases, accommodation centers, health centers, cholera treatment centres and distribution points. **Without this funding, provision of ETC Internet connectivity and security telecommunications services would effectively cease by 30 June** and impact the timely delivery of life-saving assistance to people in flood and cyclone-affected areas.