

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Communities in Mozambique are suffering from the devastating impact of Tropical Cyclones Chido and Dikeledi, which have left a trail of destruction in Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa provinces.

Chido in December 2024 and Dikeledi in January 2025 have destroyed communities, and the needs of the affected individuals continue to be widespread and severe. Adding to the cyclones, the province of Nampula has been going through a cholera outbreak resulting in hundreds of cases and fatalities and the province of Cabo Delgado is dealing with recent violent attacks by Non-State Armed Groups leading to thousands of internally displaced persons.

IOM teams have been present in the three affected provinces assisting to address the most urgent needs and help communities recover. IOM is working in close collaboration with Mozambique's National Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (INGD), local authorities and key humanitarian partners. Communities are in urgent need of potable water, medicines, sanitation and hygiene facilities to prevent water-borne diseases, as well as shelter and repair kits to rebuild their homes. The risk of gender-based violence in this context is particularly alarming and requires prevention and response, as well as mental and psychosocial support to deal with high levels of trauma and distress. Additional funding is essential to sustain the response and allow for the replenishment of all humanitarian pipelines.

IOM has provided the following support in the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa.



Completely destroyed house by Cyclone Chido @IOM 2024/Gerson Fanequico

## FLASH APPEAL STATUS



**FUNDING  
NEEDED**

**USD 12,159,000**



**FUNDING  
RECEIVED**

**USD 5,200,000**



**PEOPLE TARGETED**

**240,000 INDIVIDUALS**

## KEY FIGURES

### DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX



**700,000+** Individuals affected

**577,545** Pre-existing internally displaced people

**107,653** Houses destroyed

### SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)



**44,990**

**39,820**

Corresponding to 8,998 households, provided with shelter and NFI kits

Individuals received training on safer shelter reconstruction

KEY FIGURES

HEALTH



**16,688**  
(6,439 women  
5,813 men)  
Medical consultations provided to 12,252 individuals

**27**  
IOM medical teams deployed

**22,908**  
(11,396 female  
11,512 male)  
Individuals reached with health promotion & awareness-raising sessions on Mpox, HIV, tuberculosis & cholera prevention across three affected districts

PROTECTION- MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MPHSS)



**8,061**  
(4,713 female  
3,348 male)  
Individuals provided with Psychological First Aid

**1,694**  
(979 female  
715 male)  
Individuals participated in awareness-raising sessions on protection, mental health & gender-based violence

**386**  
(306 female  
80 male)  
Individuals received counselling and support groups

**2,834**  
(1,515 female  
1,319 male)  
Individuals attended socio-relational activities (e.g. music and dance, sports)

PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA)



**50,104**  
(26,899 female  
17,121 male  
3,317 girls  
2,767 boys)  
Individuals reached by awareness-raising

**80**  
(39 female  
41 male)  
Humanitarian personnel received PSEA trainings & refreshers

**475**  
(195 female  
280 male)  
Individuals reached by the dissemination of the INGD code of conduct

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



**11,254**  
(5,448 male  
5,806 female)  
Reached through sensitization on improving hygiene practices, including menstrual hygiene management sessions

**692**  
Emergency hygiene kits distributed

**2,920**  
Bottles of Certeza (water purifier) donated to health authorities in Niassa and Nampula

**115**  
Household latrines currently being constructed

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)



**7,513**  
Individuals had their needs and concerns referred to service providers through 154 cases collected by the CCCM Complaint and Feedback Mechanisms

**54**  
Awareness-raising sessions on hygiene, fire safety, women's participation, and PSEA

**360**  
Cleaning tools, such as hoes, wheelbarrows, and shovels, distributed to community committees to support site maintenance efforts

**7,100**  
Linear meters (7.1 km) of roads in the Sassalane neighborhood rehabilitated and reopened

**8**  
Site maintenance committees restructured to take on responsibilities for the ongoing cyclone response and emergency preparedness

**45**  
Women from women's business groups received essential materials for their businesses to help them resume their activities

## REBUILDING LIFE AFTER CYCLONE CHIDO



Community Leader guides IOM through a shelter school assessment. © IOM 2024 / Begum Basaran

On December 15, 2024, Cyclone Chido swept across northern Mozambique, leaving devastation in its wake. Entire communities were torn apart as the storm claimed lives, displaced families, and destroyed homes and infrastructure. In the district of Mecufi, no house emerged unscathed, and the cyclone stripped residents of their belongings, shelter, and sense of security.

Kalifa Mussa, Mecufi's community leader, reflects about the event: "We received a warning that a cyclone was approaching, so we quickly prepared a crisis plan. Our contingency was clear: if the situation worsened, we would take shelter at the school. That plan became reality. The storm hit with such force that we had to gather everyone at the school for safety. Thankfully, no lives were lost in our neighborhood."

While lives were saved, the destruction was wide. Every home was damaged, leaving residents without food, shelter, or basic necessities.

For Nanci, an elderly resident, the experience was terrifying. "I was trying to prepare to get to the school, but time ran out. My house was swept away in seconds. I was caught in the storm without any protection. My granddaughter tried to help me walk to safety, but I was too weak to stand. She dug a small hole between a tree and a wall, leaned a fallen bamboo wall against it, and left me there. I stayed there the whole time, curled up, thinking I was going to die. It was very cold, but somehow, I survived."

Although she emerged physically unharmed, Nanci, like many others, lost everything. She now has no place to live.

The school that sheltered the community is itself in need of repair. Kalifa gestures toward a small classroom: "There were over 80 people that day, standing shoulder to shoulder because there was no more space. We need support—shelter, food, hygiene supplies—to rebuild what we've lost. It will take at least two years for our community to recover."

IOM, in coordination with partners and the government of Mozambique, has been on the ground since the cyclone hit. Rapid needs assessments identified the most urgent requirements of affected communities.

As part of its initial emergency support, IOM distributed Shelter and Non-Food Item (NFI) kits to affected communities. These kits included essential items such as kitchen sets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, tarpaulins and fixing tools. Over 35,000 individuals have received NFIs since December 15th.

Bincha, another resident of Mecufi, recounts her struggle: "The roof and walls of my house were destroyed, and everything inside was soaked. This support brings such relief—at least now we can start fixing things."

Like many others in her community, Bincha faces a long road to recovery but is grateful for the initial assistance that has given her hope.

Meanwhile, IOM teams are working tirelessly to continue operations. In IOM warehouses, emergency support kits are being prepared, stocked, and loaded onto trucks to reach affected communities. However, the need is immense, and the rebuilding process will take time. As operations continue, the people of Mozambique remain resilient, determined to rebuild their lives and restore a sense of stability.

IOM's emergency response efforts in Mozambique continue to address urgent humanitarian needs. Enabled by the generous contributions of Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, these initiatives deliver lifesaving support to communities affected by Cyclone Chido to rebuild their lives and restore stability.

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