

Annex B.

Major Natural Disasters in Mozambique, 1976 - 1999

1976 – 1989

Disaster	Date	Killed	Affected
Floods	1976 – 78	350	400,000+
Drought	1980 - 85	100,000	5,000,000
Flood	1981	unknown	500,000
Famine	1989	5,200	unknown

Source: Christie & Hanlon 2001; OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database.

1990 – 1999

Disaster	Location	Type	Date	Consequences
Floods	Pungue River, Sofala Province	Floods	1990	12,000 people displaced
Drought	Whole country	Severe drought	1992 – 1993	1.5 million people lacking food, 30,000 cases of cholera, reduced production, water shortages in cities and rural areas
Pest	Guro, Macossa, Manica Province	Rats	1993, 1994	
Cyclone	Nampula Province East coast of Mozambique	Cyclone Nadia	March 1994	52 people dead, 900,000 affected, massive destruction of infrastructure: roads, bridges, power lines, water systems, schools, health centers, houses, harbors, infrastructure, reduced agricultural production, epidemics
Drought	Central and Southern Mozambique	Drought	1994 – 1995	150 dead, 1,500,000 affected
Cyclone	Cabo Delgado and Nampula Provinces	Cyclone Bonita	January 1996	11 dead, 200,000 people affected, 170,000 ha of crops destroyed, houses, roads and railways destroyed
Landslide	Milange, Monte Tumbine, Zambezia Province	Landslide	January 1996	200 dead, 4,000 people affected
Pest	Buzi, Nhamatanda, Dondo, Sofala Province	Red Locust	1996 – 1997	
Cyclone	Sofala, Tete, Manica and Zambezia Provinces	Tropical storm Lisette and floods	January 1997	87 people dead, 300,000 affected, 17,000 houses destroyed
Cyclone	Gaza, Inhambane, Maputo	Tropical storm Grettelle	February 1997	2,759 houses, 5 schools, and 1 health center destroyed
Floods	Vilanculos, Machanga, Govuro, Inhambane Province	Floods	February 1999	15 people dead, 404,000 people affected. 50,000 ha of cultivated land flooded, roads and gas pipeline, water treatment plants damaged

Source: WFP in United Nations System Common Country Assessment, 2000.