



Situation Report 4 –MOZAMBIQUE FLOODS – 14 FEBRUARY 2007

SITUATION OVERVIEW

1. The discharge rate of the Cahora Bassa dam was reduced from 8,400 to 6,600 m³/s on Monday 12 February. Reduced rain, together with the reduction of the Cahora Bassa discharge rate, has allowed the water level to decrease in Tete city, while levels in Mutarara, Caia and Marromeu further downstream continue to rise. The peak of the current water rise in the lower Zambezi is predicted to happen sometime on 14 or 15 February.
2. The influx of water into the reservoir does, however, remain high (around 10,000 m³/s). Therefore the abovementioned reduction might be a temporary relief, since more rain is predicted in the region. Moderate to heavy rains were registered in several locations in the Center and North of Mozambique during the past 48 hours.
3. As of 13 February, the National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC) estimates that approximately 74,000 people have been displaced due to the floods. An estimated 29,000 people are currently in accommodation centres and an undetermined number in resettlement centres that were established after the 2001 floods. INGC estimates that 285,000 people may possibly be affected by the current emergency in the worst-case scenario.



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RESPONSE

4. Building on initial assessments and response measures, a multi-sectoral assessment has been planned from 18-23 February by teams from the government, WFP, FAO, FewNet and UNICEF. Affected areas to be covered include Magoe and Zumbu (Tete province), Tambara (Manica province), Chemba, Marromeu and Caia (Sofala province) and Mutarara, Mopeia, Morrumbala

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and Chinde (Zambezia province). The assessment will also send a monitoring team to the district of Moma in Nampula province, where floods reportedly affected over 5,000 people in late January. WFP is contributing US\$100,000 from its internal Immediate Response Account for this rapid assessment.

5. The INGC in Caia is developing plans of action for the distribution of supplies to accommodation centres. UNICEF has been requested to coordinate the development of the multi-sectoral plan of action in this respect, in conjunction with INGC, local authorities and NGOs.
6. Partners, including INGC, local authorities, UNICEF and NGO partners in Caia, continue to visit accommodation centres in the affected areas to assess immediate needs and monitor emergency response activities. Priority needs include tents, education materials, hygiene supplies, water treatment plants, jerry cans and buckets.
7. INGC conducted an assessment mission from Caia to Inhangoma with UNICEF. Inhangoma is currently only accessible by helicopter and an estimated 17-18,000 people are displaced in the area. Food and fuel for boats have been delivered and operations will be scaled up to address needs the accommodation centres in the area.
8. In addition to the team based in Caia, two emergency teams of UNICEF staff from various sectors were deployed to Tete and Quelimane on 14 February, to support the ground assessments and response measures of government counterparts. The team in Tete should arrive in Mutarara by Friday 16 February, while the team in Quelimane will cover affected areas in Zambezia province.
9. WFP is providing food assistance, logistics and communication, including an MI8 helicopter in Caia that is being used by the whole humanitarian community for rescues, assessments and delivery

of food and NFIs. The food distributions in Mutarara are still ongoing for a planned 6,100 people in accommodation centres. The Country Director visited Tete province with a group of donors on 13 February, and will fly over the Zambezi river valley and visit Caia on 14 February. A Public Information officer will join the group in Tete and stay in Caia for some days to coordinate media activities and provide communication support to INGC. In addition to regular in-country staff, WFP has 28 people working on the emergency.

10. On 27 January the IFRC provided CHF 37,000 from the Disaster Emergency Response Fund (DERF) to the Mozambique Red Cross Society (CVM). Due to the deterioration of the situation, an additional CHF 150,000 was released on 11 February. The IFRC and CVM are furthermore planning an appeal to fund shelter over an extended period, to cover the cost of tents, first-aid kits, water tanks, and water purification measures. Other items, such as axes and shovels to help people with resettlement once the waters recede, are also needed. An IFRC Fact Team is on the ground. The FACT will assist CVM with coordination, detailed assessments, as well as in developing a plan of action for response. A preliminary Emergency Appeal is expected to be launched shortly.

Coordination

11. National disaster response coordination is handled by the National Disaster Management Institute (INGC), which is placed under the umbrella of the Ministry of State Administration (MAE).
12. The UN Resident Coordinator, through the UN Disaster Management Team, coordinates UN support to the government.
13. An OCHA Humanitarian Affairs Officer has been in Maputo supporting the UN Country Team

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since 10 February. A second OCHA officer is due to arrive in Maputo on Thursday.

14. A meeting was convened by the Resident Coordinator's Office for all in-country UN and non-UN humanitarian actors on 13 February. During the meeting, partners agreed that the IASC cluster approach is the way forward for coordinating the response to the ongoing emergency. The key clusters, their leads and membership were discussed. The CERF appeal was also discussed and it was agreed that agencies submit their inputs by COB 15 February. The OCHA Officer will compile the inputs and facilitate the submission of the appeal by the RC.
15. UN agencies and partners are working on establishing coordination mechanisms in the areas of logistics, food security, telecommunications, water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, health, education, protection, shelter and early recovery in support of the Government response.

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