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**WFP News Video:
Cyclone Idai Aftermath
Shot: 17-19 March 2019
Beira, Mozambique, Rome Italy
TRT: 1:34**

SHOTLIST:

:00-:10

Drone footage of destruction in Beira.

Beira

Shot:18March2019

:10-:15

Drone footage of destruction in Beira.

Beira

Shot:14March2019

:15-:28

SOT

Hugo de Plessis (English)

WFP Aviation Officer

“As you can see around us, it is atrocious weather conditions, the weather is still persisting and despite that everybody is helping and we are offloading 20 tons of cargo manually by hand because the equipment has been destroyed by the cyclone.”

Beira

Shot: 17March2019

:28-:33

20 metric tons of high energy biscuits being offloaded by hand as the cyclone destroyed all the equipment.

Beira

Shot: 17March2019

:33-:38

WFP warehouse where high energy biscuits and drinking water are packed into bags for distribution to people stranded by floods outside of Beira.

Beira

Shot: 17March2019



:38-1:14

SOT

Margot Vandervelden (English)

WFP Director of Emergencies

“So the situation in Mozambique we are confronted with severe flooding and cyclone effects. 600,000 people affected possibly going up to 1.7 and more million people affected by cyclone and flooding. Communication completely broken, infrastructure severely damaged particularly in the city of Beira but also all the roads to Beira have been cut off. What WFP is doing at the moment we are helping with the assessment we are bringing in food with airplanes and helicopters we are bringing in helicopters we have started the food distributions to people affected in the flood and cyclone affected areas.”

Rome, WFP HQ

Shot: 19March2019

1:14-1:34

Distribution of family food rations containing corn soya blend at a school turned shelter for families whose homes have been destroyed. Each family is being given a ration to last 3 or 4 days.

Beira

Shot: 18March2019

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MOZAMBIQUE FLOODING

Messages

19 March 2019

The World Food Programme is rushing food and other assistance to large numbers of desperate people stranded by rapidly rising flood waters in Mozambique – a major humanitarian emergency that is getting bigger by the hour.

A WFP staff member who flew over the area that has been inundated spoke of “inland oceans extending for miles and miles in all directions”.

Helicopter airlifts of WFP high-energy biscuits, water and blankets are planned to large numbers of people crammed on rooftops and elevated



patches of land outside the port city of Beira – struck by a Category 4 cyclone on Thursday.

Nearly 600,000 people have been affected by the floods and some 1.7 million were in the path of the cyclone. WFP is working with the government and partners to reach 500, 000 people with immediate food assistance.

Leading the emergency telecommunications response on behalf of the humanitarian community, WFP has been on the ground, working to establish essential communication networks to support relief operations by government and humanitarian partners.

Assessing the extent of the damage and needs remains a huge challenge and WFP is using drones and satellite mapping to conduct assessments so that people in need can be identified and reached.

WFP Response

WFP has surged additional staff to Mozambique, including emergency coordinators, air operations managers, and programming, logistics and telecommunications experts.

WFP will be providing high energy biscuits to remote, hard-to-access areas – and has already begun distributing easy-to-prepare fortified food, mainly Super Cereal (wheat or corn-based porridge mix) in Beira. The biscuits are part of a 20-ton consignment flown into Beira on Sunday from a WFP-run UN emergency response depot in Dubai.

While WFP’s warehouse in Beira was badly damaged by the cyclone, some food remained intact. From that stock, WFP is providing Super Cereal to displaced cyclone victims sheltering at 18 schools and churches in Beira. Each centre can accommodate up to 1,000 people. WFP is also planning to assist displaced people sheltering in the city of Dondo, north of Beira.

Food stocks elsewhere in Mozambique and southern Africa are also being mobilized as part of WFP emergency response.

Key figures

Number of affected provinces

5

Number of people affected according to government estimates

600,000



Number of people potentially affected according to WFP satellite-derived estimates 1.7 million

Number of people WFP is targeting with immediate food assistance
500,000

Resourcing

Mozambique: WFP requires US\$11 million for food and nutrition assistance and US\$3 million for logistics and telecommunications services.

Malawi: WFP requires US\$9.3 million for food assistance and US\$1 million for logistics services

Background

Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall near the Mozambican port of Beira on Thursday and heavy downpours have washed away homes, crops and essential infrastructure across Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. In Mozambique, some 1.7 million people were directly in its path, according to WFP satellite-based imaging.

After the immediate impact of the cyclone and sea surge on coastal communities, concern is growing about further flooding as heavy rainfall from upstream makes its way down the main river systems flowing through Mozambique.

Many areas are without power, telecommunications networks are down, schools and health facilities inundated, and key roads impassable. The challenges are huge and assessing the extent of the damage and needs is severely hampered by limited access to affected communities and power and communications outages.

WFP distributions to Mozambican flood victims began on Thursday - before Cyclone Idai made landfall - with food vouchers provided to 6,000 displaced people at a government shelter in Tete province, enabling them to buy two weeks' worth of cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

BEIRA snapshot

Beira, home to half a million people and a major maritime gateway for east and southern Africa, is reeling from the worst cyclone in two decades. Many homes and public buildings have been destroyed. Fallen trees are everywhere, and downed electricity cables line the streets. Businesses, banks and shops are closed.



WFP's office and warehouse in Beira were severely damaged, but some of its stocks – including ready-to-use nutritious food for malnourished children and women – have been salvaged. Distributions to the most vulnerable in the city are underway.

Daunting access challenges mean it will be some time before the extent of the havoc wreaked is known. But harrowing stories are emerging. Rising floodwaters reportedly burst a major dam east of Beira on Saturday, submerging countless communities. Many sought refuge on their roofs and in trees.

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