WFP News Video:
WFP News Footage Shows Arrival of WFP Helicopters, Aerials in Beira, Mozambique
Shot: 20 March 2019
Beira, Mozambique
TRT: 1:54

SHOTLIST:
:00-:58
Drone footage of destruction in Beira, including roof top of WFP warehouse
Beira
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:58-1:23
Arrival of MI8 UNHAS helicopter.
Beira
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Hugo du Plessis (English)
WFP Aviation Officer
“We are very happy that the first UNHAS helicopter has arrived today Wednesday 20th after several challenges to get through the weather from Uganda. This is the first of 3 MI8s arriving and we will hopefully expect a CASA 295 as well. This helicopter is equiped with a winch which is crucial for the rescue operation that is currently underway with the South African Airforce. We are hoping to push the rescue capability with this helicopter”
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WFP Operational Update

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Mozambique cyclone and flooding emergency

Beira – WFP ramps up its multi-faceted response

The World Food Programme stepped up distributions in and around Beira on Wednesday, with more airdrops of high-energy biscuits (HEBs) to isolated pockets of people stranded by the floodwaters and the delivery of easy-to-prepare fortified food to displaced families sheltering in schools and other public buildings in the town of Dondo, 45 kilometers north east of the port city.

Infants, children and elderly people hoisted to safety from rooftops across the vast floodplains and airlifted to Beira were also given HEBs as well as Plumpy Sup, a micronutrient-rich paste.

The procurement and dispatch of large quantities of food for the Mozambique crisis continued elsewhere in southern Africa, including cereals, vegetable oil, and fortified blends from South Africa and Zambia.

An MI-8 transport helicopter contracted by the WFP-run United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) arrived in Beira on Wednesday to support rescue and relief operations – the first of three due there this week.

What needs to be an immense, wide-ranging international response has been facilitated by the government’s declaration on Tuesday of Mozambique’s first ever national emergency.

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