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**WFP News Video:
WFP News Footage Shows Airlifts to Flooded Nhamatanda District in
Mozambique (For the Media)**

Shot: 22 March 2019

Beira, Nhamatanda, Mozambique

TRT: 2:51

SHOTLIST:

:00-:10

Loading of high energy biscuits onto UNHAS helicopter to be transported to Nhamatanda. The flight will also transport tents and emergency kits.

Beira

Shot:22March2019

:10-:34

SOT

Hugo du Plessis (English)

WFP Aviation Officer

“Our helicopter has just returned from a rotational to Nhamatanda and it’s busy being loaded with high energy biscuits, approximately 3 tons. We will also load some tents and return back to Nhamatanda for a second rotation. Wwe are getting ourselves more and more organized by the day and we’ve established aviation clusters so we are getting very efficient and scaling up operations as we speak.”

Beira, Mozambique

Shot: 22March2019

:34-:49

UNHAS helicopter taking off from Beira to Nhamatanda. Aerial shots of flooding between Beira and Nhamatanda making all land transport impossible.

Beira, Nhamatanda, Mozambique

Shot:22March2019

:49-1:27

Boxes of high energy biscuits being offloaded in Nhamatanda for distribution.

Nhamatanda, Mozambique

Shot:22March2019



1:27-1:32

UNHAS helicopter pilots prepare for take-off to do another rotation.

Nhamatanda

Shot: 22March2019

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MOZAMBIQUE FLOODING

Messages

22 March 2019

The World Food Programme is rushing food and other assistance to victims of the flooding and cyclone that hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. We have reached 20,000 people already and we are stepping up operations to assist, initially, 600,000 people.

The immense scale of the damage is becoming clearer, but the situation is likely to deteriorate, and the number of people affected is expected to increase as heavy rains are forecast to continue.

WFP high-energy biscuits and water have been airdropped to isolated pockets of people stranded by the floodwaters in flooded areas in Buzi and Chimoio. Distributions of easy-to-prepare fortified food are underway in Beira, Dondo and other flood-affected areas in Sofala and Tete provinces.

The first WFP-run United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) helicopter arrived in Beira on Wednesday to support rescue and relief operations and another is due to arrive.

WFP satellite imaging suggests that some 1.7 million were in the path of the cyclone and WFP is working with the government and partners to scale up its operations to reach 600, 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. WFP is supporting the government and the national disaster management agency, INGC, to use drones to locate people in need of assistance.

WFP Response

While WFP's warehouse in Beira was badly damaged by the cyclone, some food remained intact. From that stock, WFP is providing Super Cereal (a wheat of corn-based porridge mix) to displaced people sheltering at 18 schools and churches in Beira. So far 6,000 people have been reached in the city.

WFP is also assisting with Super Cereal more than 4,000 displaced people sheltering in the town of Dondo, north of Beira – food from supplies that were in WFP's warehouse before the storm struck.

More stocks and purchases of cereals, pulses and vegetable oil from Zambia, Malawi and South Africa are expected to start arriving later this week. We have contracted a cargo plane to airlift food to Beira and elsewhere from Chimoio in the west of the country.

WFP-led logistics and emergency telecommunications clusters are working to support the government and humanitarian partners.

WFP airlifted 20 metric tons of high energy biscuits (HEBs) into Beira on Sunday from a WFP-run UN emergency response depot in Dubai. The fortified biscuits are often used in emergencies as they are nutritious, easy to transport and do not need cooking. Another 40 metric tons are being brought into Beira and Chimoio.

WFP has deployed more than 30 emergency staff to Mozambique, including emergency coordinators, air operations managers, and programming, logistics and telecommunications experts.

Key figures - Mozambique

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 600,000

Resourcing

Mozambique: WFP requires US\$42 million to provide 600,000 people with food assistance for three months, and for emergency telecommunications and logistics support. WFP will require



US\$121.5 million should the planning figure rise to support the entire 1.7 million people who were in the path of the cyclone.

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

Zimbabwe: WFP requires US\$5 million for emergency food assistance targeting 250,000 people and an additional US\$480,000 for airdrops and engineering services.

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