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New WFP video from Flood Devastated Mozambique Shows Helicopter Relief Operations with WFP Chief, David Beasley

TRT: 02:50

Shot 24, 25, 26 March 2019

:00-:05

Shot 24 March 2019

Aerials of flooded fields that were struck by Cyclone Idai.

On the way from Beira to Gorongosa

:05-:12

Shot 26 March 2019

Aerials of flooded town

Buzi town

:12-:17

Shot 26 March 2019

WFP Executive Director David Beasley on board WFP Helicopter

:17-:33

Shot 26 March 2019

WFP helicopter landing, WFP food off loading

Guarra Guarra village

:33-01:00

Shot 26 March 2019

SOT (eng) WFP Executive Director David Beasley

“We need financial support from the international community. These people’s lives have been devastated, they have no livelihoods now, they’ve lost their homes, they’ve lost their farms, they’ve lost their crops they’ve lost loved ones. And they’re going to need help at least for the next 6 months to 12 months to get their feet back on the ground. Schools were lost, children are just devastated, families are wiped out with everything that they had, and now it’s going to be a time for rebuilding.”

Guarra Guarra village

01:00-01:10

Shot 26 March 2019

This village was struck by Cyclone Idai, many residents lost everything and are now leaving in the roofless school.



Guarra Guarra village

01:10-01:40

Shot 25 March 2019

WFP helicopter hovering over muddy terrain.

WFP staff off-loading tents, tarpaulins and WFP Plumpy Sup (peanut based nutritious food).

Goonda village

01:40-02:15

Shot 25 March 2019

Eduardo Mandlane Primary School, Beira

200 families displaced by the cyclone are for now living here.

WFP food distribution to families, they are getting a mixed corn and soya blend.

A particularly nutritious food, easy to prepare.

Beira

02:15-02:28

Shot 25 March 2019

SOT: (Portuguese) Delfina

Displaced by the cyclone, Delfina and her 3 children are now living in this school along with 200 other displaced families.

“First the roof collapsed, then the walls, then all house came down.

I have lost everything, food, clothes.”

Eduardo Mandlane Primary School, Beira

02:28-02:36

Shot 25 March 2019

Eduardo Mandlane Primary School, Beira

People living in the school

02:36-02:50

Shot 25 March 2019

(NO Audio)

Aerial, man pushing bike on flooded road

Mafambisse

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WFP News release



27 March 2019

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR URGES MORE FUNDING FOR CYCLONE-HIT MOZAMBIQUE

BEIRA/MAPUTO – At the end of a two-day visit to Mozambique, the Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, David Beasley, today said the international community must step up support to victims of the recent cyclone and flooding that have devastated large areas of the country.

After arriving Tuesday in Beira, which was struck by Cyclone Idai on March 14, hitting the port city of half a million people, Beasley overflowed the nearby town of Buzi – which had been all but submerged by raging floodwaters – and met survivors receiving airlifted WFP assistance in the isolated village of Guara Guara.

“These people’s lives have been devastated, they have no livelihoods now, they’ve lost their homes, they’ve lost their farms, they’ve lost their crops, they’ve lost loved ones. And they’re going to need help at least for the next six to 12 months to get back on their feet,” Beasley said. “We need the international community to rally behind the victims of this storm with major financial support, so WFP can help the survivors of Cyclone Idai.”

An estimated 400,000 hectares of crops – primarily maize – were washed away just weeks ahead of the main April–May harvest. Other key sources of income, like livestock and fisheries, have also been badly affected.

Victims will need sustained support until they can get back on their feet – in the case of subsistence farmers, until the next main harvest in mid-2020. “We need to work together with the Government of Mozambique and the communities to ensure rehabilitation is done in a way that will prevent this devastation happening again, build better everything: houses, schools and health centres to stand the shocks,” added Beasley.

The disaster has demonstrated how vulnerable communities are to climate shocks and will inevitably push up already high malnutrition rates.

Since the cyclone hit, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 150,000 people, intends to reach half a million in the coming weeks, and, as soon as possible, all 1.7 million people urgently in need of food.

Displaced cyclone victims sheltering in scores of schools and churches in Beira and surrounding areas have received easy-to-prepare fortified blended food. Sixty metric tons of high energy biscuits airlifted into the country have been dropped by helicopter to people stranded by the floodwaters.



With 86,000 metric tons of commodities needed in the next three months, WFP is procuring large quantities of cereals, vegetable oil and fortified blended foods elsewhere in southern Africa, and shipping and trucking them into Mozambique. As conditions permit, WFP will increase local procurement.

As lead of the global humanitarian logistics “cluster” that helps coordinate the relief effort, WFP has deployed to Beira three MI-8 transport helicopters and a freight aircraft to support the broader humanitarian response. As lead of the emergency telecommunications cluster, WFP has been working to re-establish vital networks that can accelerate the response by government and humanitarian agencies.

Almost 60 additional WFP staff have been deployed to Mozambique, and 45 more are on the way: emergency coordinators, air operations managers and programming, logistics and telecommunications experts.

WFP requires US\$140 million for the next three months.

On Wednesday in Maputo, Beasley met President Nyusi, key government ministers and donor representatives. "In these last two days, I was heartbroken by the devastation, but I also saw courage and determination on the faces of the Mozambican people", he said. "The terrible destruction cannot dampen their spirits. WFP will stay with them, scaling up to help as many as possible.

"I urge the international community to respond quickly and generously, because lives are truly in the balance right now."

Photos from WFP’s Mozambique flood response are available for download here: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/QgtWAV3eqJ>

For new video footage, contact Jonathan Dumont (jonathan.dumont@wfp.org).

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