

Mozambique – Cyclones Idai and Kenneth

ETC Situation Report #19

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Highlights

- The Security Operations Centre (SOC) in Macomia will remain operational beyond the three months initially planned.
- The project to rehabilitate six community radio stations is due to start in September, as soon as the necessary equipment arrives.
- The ETC plans to hold a preparedness workshop in early September with key stakeholders to review the country's disaster scenario and strengthen partnerships and coordination.



The ETC team packs up partner equipment in Pemba ready to ship back.

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Situation Overview

Six months after Mozambique was struck by the worst two cyclones in its history (Cyclone Idai struck Beira in March, and Cyclone Kenneth struck Pemba in April), 1.8 million people affected by Cyclone Idai have received emergency assistance and 500,00 people affected by Cyclone Kenneth.

A total of 1,000 humanitarian workers from more than 400 organisations responded to the emergency which was one of the worst climate-related disasters to ever hit the southern hemisphere. More than 800,000 people were vaccinated against cholera and responders continue to treat measles, malaria and malnutrition.

To date, the UN has received 45% of the US\$440 million requested to respond to humanitarian needs in Mozambique.

Response

Cyclone Kenneth

- The Security Operations Centre (SOC) in Macomia will remain operational beyond the three months initially planned. WFP/ETC will provide funds to UNDSS to maintain the radio operators until 14 January 2020.
- The ETC is preparing to handover the management of radio services to UNDSS in Cabo Delgado. The ETC may be requested to expand Security Communications Services (SCS) coverage in Cabo Delgado by installing an additional repeater in Mucojo.
- The ETC continues to collaborate with the National Institute of Communications in Mozambique (ARECOM, formerly INCM) and the National Institute of Disaster Management (INGC) to plan the preparedness workshop being held in September.

Cyclone Idai

- Equipment supplied by ETC partners Ericsson Response and the Government of Luxembourg has been consolidated in Beira and is ready to be shipped back to Europe.
- As part of the ETC's Services for Communities (S4C) activities, the delayed procurement of equipment for the rehabilitation of six community radio stations in Buzi, Dondo, Beira, Nhamatanda and Gorongosa in Sofala province is now moving forward.
 - The ETC has started to repair the damaged towers. Once completed, the ETC will install equipment in the six radio community radio stations. Installation of the equipment is scheduled for the third week of September. The ETC is also preparing its handover to the National Forum of Community Radios (FORCOM).

Planned Response

- The ETC continues to consolidate and share operational information, with the aim of enhancing operational decision making. This includes maintaining information sharing platforms, contact lists, the country webpage on www.ETCluster.org, ETC Dashboard and generating regular SitReps.

Challenges

- Delays in importing communications equipment and customs clearances have an impact on ETC operations on the ground.



Funding

- The ETC is 100% funded for both Cyclones Idai and Kenneth emergencies having received the US\$1 million requested.

Meetings

- The next Global ETC teleconference on the Cyclone Idai response in Mozambique will be held on Thursday 26 September.

Information

- All the information related to the ETC response in Mozambique can be found on the dedicated emergency page on the ETC website: www.etcluster.org/emergencies/mozambique-cyclones-idai-and-kenneth
- The latest ETC Mozambique Dashboard can be found here: <https://www.etcluster.org/document/etc-mozambique-dashboard-24-july>
- Partners that are responding in the affected areas or have relevant information on the Mozambique operation for the wider humanitarian community can share it by emailing Mozambique.ETC@wfp.org



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Acronyms

CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund
COMCEN	Communications Centre
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
GATR	Ground Antenna Transmit and Receive
HF	High Frequency
ICCG	Inter Cluster Coordination Group
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
INCM	National Institute of Communications in Mozambique
INGC	National Disaster Management Institute
UAS	Unmanned Aircraft Systems
UNHAS	United Nations Humanitarian Air Service
SBP	Stand-by Partner
VHF	Very High Frequency
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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