



MOZAMBIQUE FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT 4

Maputo, 23 March 2010

ACTIVITIES/RESPONSE

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The general floods situation is stabilizing. The water levels in the Zambeze Basin remain above alert levels in Caia and Marromeu, with an overall tendency to decrease. In the Púngoè and Messalo Basins, the water level is gradually decreasing but remains above alert level. For Nampula, Cabo Delgado and Niassa, rainfall is normalising in line with the end of the rainy season.

Details of levels in areas of heightened risk are as follows:

Location	Time	River level 20 March	River level 21 March	River level 22 March
Caia	06:00	5.82	5.75	5.68
Marromeu	06:00	5.88	5.76	5.67
Mafambisse	06:00	6.65	6.57	6.57
Messalo	06:00	5.38	5.71	5.80

As of 22 March 2010

The Cahora Bassa Dam decreased its discharges into the Zambezi River from 3,500 to 2,700 cubic meters per second.

As a result of the decrease in water levels and successful response efforts since 9 March 2010, the Government of Mozambique officially downgraded its emergency status from Red Alert level to Orange for all flood-affected areas starting on 23 March 2010.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE CLUSTER

Sanitation and hygiene activities in existing bairros have been prioritised, in addition to initiation of the longer term approach of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in Mutarara (Tete province) and Mopeia districts (Zambezia province). Support continues to be provided to the provincial and district authorities to increase capacity for rehabilitation of water points and revitalisation of water committees and maintenance groups to ensure continuous access to safe water in affected bairros in Mopeia, Marromeu (Sofala province) and Mutarara districts.

Distribution of emergency WASH supplies is ongoing and distributed goods (chlorine, soap, certeza, jerricans and buckets) are being sent to families in affected bairros in Mutarara, Mopeia, Chinde (Zambezia province), Marromeu and Caia districts (Sofala province).

Around 25,000 people have been reached by messages on promotion of good hygiene practices and malaria prevention as a result of trainings of local activists in four affected bairros in Mutarara district. Social mobilisation activities for cholera and malaria prevention and promotion of exclusive breastfeeding have started in the Marromeu districts (mobile units) and Morrumbala and Mopeia districts (community theatre groups). Community and provincial radios are disseminating daily messages and producing programmes on hygiene promotion and cholera/malaria prevention in coordination with District Directorates of Health with capacity to reach up to 800,000 people in Zambezia, Sofala and Tete provinces.

FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER

The Government has sent an official request for food assistance for 100,000 food insecure people in the four most affected districts: Mutarara, Mopeia, Morrumbala and Chinde. In response, a total of around 1,700 Mt of food (including cereals, pulses and CSB) was already dispatched to the main logistics hub in Caia, to cover more than 88,000 beneficiaries in these four districts, and over 15,000 people in Inhangoma and 5,900 in Doa (Mutarara) have started receiving their food rations. Food assistance will need to be given in the form of food for work to rebuild assets and prevent future impacts of shocks, and will need to be better coordinated with district plans to ensure improved sustainability and quality of the assets. The main partners involved in this Food assistance are World Vision, German AgroAction, and CCM, Kulima, IRD, and Save the Children. To avoid nutrition deterioration, CSB has been included in general food basket. Moreover, there are plans with DPS to initiate supplementary feeding in the districts which were not included in the MoH/UNICEF/ WFP tripartite agreement for supplementary feeding (i.e.Mopeia, Chinde and Morrumbala).

The National Directorate for Agric Services (DNSA) of the Ministry of Agriculture (MINAG) organized a meeting to present the action plan for the recuperation of the 2nd season in Mozambique, as it is estimated that 600,000 hectares were lost in the first agricultural season. The plan indicates the needs in terms of agric inputs, time frame and budget, and the FS Cluster is looking into matching ongoing partners' interventions with these plans to ensure coordination with the Governments efforts. Given the complexity of the agricultural season this year, the Ministry of Agriculture has also verbally requested to conduct a Crop and Food Supply assessment mission (CFSAM) in April.

An update to the drought document is being prepared, with the main sector objectives as follows:

- (1) Supporting the MINAG's agriculture plan which is under the PAPA (Action Plan for Agriculture Production);
- (2) Supporting the arid and semi arid districts (where interventions are to be guided by the Plano Director para a Prevenção e Mitigação de Calamidades Naturais from INGC).

NUTRITION CLUSTER

General food distribution is underway in Sofala and Tete affected districts. All 90 districts in affected areas are part of existing supplementary feeding programmes. The availability of CSB was confirmed in all flood-affected areas and will be distributed to Mutarara, Tambara and Zumbo.

A total of approximately 680 children have been screened in Mutarara, Mopeia and Marromeu districts, of which 79 were found to be moderately malnourished and subsequently received food supplementation. A total of 12 children were reported as severely malnourished and were referred to district hospitals for therapeutic feeding.

HEALTH CLUSTER

UNICEF negotiated with DPS Tete to release some nets in stock for regular programme for the flood affected areas. Five thousand Mosquito nets from Tete arrived Caia on 22/3/2010 for distribution to affected families in Caia and Mopeia. Additional financial resources will be provided for distribution and handling of these nets on the ground. These nets need to be purchased and replaced for the regular programme. In addition, UNICEF has procured 5000Kg while MoH has 4150Kg of calcium hypochlorite. Distribution is being done for the Flood and cholera affected province.

DPS in Sofala and Tete are working on update of the availability/gap of ARV while CNCS currently mobilized for condoms distribution at province level where there is a need. This is to note that one cluster member was requested to integrate the assessment team to be deployed on the field on Saturday. To this regard, WHO deployed one staff who joined last week the already deployed health team for health in the field.

Regarding cholera, from 7-13 March 2010, a total of 205 cases and 1 death have been reported. The cases are from Cuamba and Mecanhelas in Niassa; Gurue, Milange, Namarroi in Zambezia; Beira in Sofala; and Nampula cidade in Nampula. There are no floods affected district with cholera.

Following request from DPS Sofala, UNICEF sent 4 tents and multiple protection materials (boots, gloves, aprons) for pre-positioning in Beira for easy mobilization for the fight against Cholera.

PROTECTION / EDUCATION CLUSTERS

With water levels decreasing, difficulties in accessibility are no longer affecting school attendance. Ten school kits were distributed to seven schools in Chinde and Mopeia districts (Zambezia province) and Mutarara districts according to assessment of schools affected with influx of new students. Most schools have re-opened enabling the school year to resume in affected areas, with make-up classes being offered on Saturdays in some localities.

A multi-sectoral team on social action was formed at CENOE Caia and is currently finishing compiling data on the situation of most vulnerable households. Assessment of vulnerable populations, particularly among new arrivals, is close to completion in Mopeia and Mutarara districts. To date, the needs in this regards appear to minimal as community support systems are integrating the vulnerable groups.

SHELTER CLUSTER

Assessments of needs for longer-term housing in *bairros de reassentamento* are ongoing. With the movement of populations to local communities, short-term shelter is not required.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER

VSAT is currently operational in Caia. The Cluster is planning to send to Caia, next week, a Telecom specialist from MSB to assist in IT and Telecom issues.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER

The Logistics Cluster is briefing cluster members daily, or as appropriate, on the logistics operation and situation in the flood area, and information on road access is being shared among partners. Parts of Mutarara (Inhangoma) and Chinde are still unreachable by road, but relief items and food are being transported to these isolated areas by boat from Caia, Sena and Matilde in Marromeu. Tambara in Manica is partly cut off, in that only 4x4 trucks can pass the road, but it is also possible to reach Tambara by river. To ensure deliveries, WFP has contracted 10 barges to reach the areas where people are in need of food and other assistance. The deliveries by barge are challenged by the now reducing river levels; however, as barges are getting stuck in the mud and continuously need assistance from other barges to reach destinations. As a result, barges of all sizes have been contracted and several barges are being sent at the same time to make the deliveries possible.

Trucks have been contracted in Beira and Caia to transport the food and relief items to the transshipment points in Caia, Sena and Marromeu and directly to partners where possible, though road access is challenged. Thus, small trucks and trucks with multiple axle configurations have been contracted to make deliveries fast and ensure their success. To support operations in Caia, WFP is doing intermediate storage in Caia in the WFP 450mt capacity Rub Hall, and storekeeper personnel and handling teams have been contracted locally.

WFP has assisted some of the cluster members with the transport of relief items to Caia on a full cost-recovery basis and has handled services in Caia. Further, the relief stock levels of 17 partners have been compiled by the Cluster Lead and shared with the cluster partners.

COORDINATION

Some cluster partners have deployed staff to the field, while others are relying on staff positioned in different locations as part of ongoing regular programmes. INGC has requested active participation of cluster partners in the short term response. All clusters have been requested to share updated lists of staff deployment in the field. While this is not a large-scale emergency, ensuring that clusters have adequate capacity and presence on the ground, especially for coordination purposes, is critical to secure a continued timely response and support to local authorities.

The current list of Cluster leads and participants is provided below:

Cluster for emergency response	Cluster lead	Cluster participants
Logistics	WFP	UNICEF, Africare, CAFOD, CEDES, CUAMM, Concern, GAA, LWF/ACT, PSI, Care Moz, UNDP, IOM, IRD, CVM, JAM, Kulima, MSF Belgium, MSF Switzerland, Oxfam, Samaritan's Purse International Relief (SPIR), Save the Children, World Vision, World Relief
Food Security	WFP/FAO	IRD, SCA, World Vision, World Relief, FEWSNET, ARRA, GAA, LWF, SPIR, CVM, Africare, CARE, Concern, BADES, KULIMA, CCM
Telecommunications	WFP	UNICEF and MSB (former, SRSA)
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	UNICEF	Oxfam, SPIR, MSF-L, IRD, FHI, CVM
Nutrition	UNICEF	SCA, WHO, FAO, WFP, CARE, World Vision, FHI, World Relief, SPIR
Health	WHO	Medicus Mundi, IOM, World Vision, CVM UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, MSF
Education	Save the Children Alliance & UNICEF	World Vision, IOM, Concern, UNESCO, Africare, SPIR, WFP, Terre des Hommes, Oxfam
Protection	Save the Children Alliance & UNICEF	World Vision, HelpAge, IOM, UNFPA, Africare, Handicap International, SPIR, WFP, Action Aid, Concern, Halo Trust, CVM, IRD, Terre des Hommes
Shelter	CVM	UN-HABITAT, UNICEF, German Agro Action, IOM, Oxfam, World Vision

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