

MOZAMBIQUE 450

News reports & clippings

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Maps:

WFP: road access, updated yesterday: bit.ly/MozCyclone20

Edinburgh University estimate of number caught by Sofala flood bit.ly/MozCyclone25

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What happened last time?

Mozambique The Great Flood Of 2000

Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000

Both available for download, free, on <http://bit.ly/Hanlon-books>

(large files: 28 Mb and 78 Mb)

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Estimate 90,000 caught by Sofala flood; water levels dropping only slowly

Edinburgh University researchers estimate that 90,000 people were caught in the giant flood west of Beira. This "inland sea" is 120 km long and up to 30 km wide. This is the area that includes Buzi and the main N6 road east of Tica and continues north through populated areas between the N6 road and the Pungue River. The estimate is by Edinburgh University researchers Casey Ryan and Sam Bowers. Their map is on bit.ly/MozCyclone25 At least 85 families are simply camped on the shoulder of the N6 road, who tell of children and other families members washed away by the sudden flood waters. The EN6 reopened yesterday and has long queues of lorries. (*O Pais* 25 Mar)

Water levels are falling only very slowly. Flood waters come from the Buzi and Pungue rivers. The Buzi is now below flood level. But the Pungue (measured at Mafambisse on the eastern edge of the flood zone) remained 2.5 m above flood level yesterday, down only 25 cm from two days before (22 March) and only 80 cm down on its peak on 19 March. By contrast, on 14 March before the cyclone the Pungue was 1.4 m below flood level.



Rescue has largely been by local boats. Indian Navy picture by Chetak.

The first and most extensive outside help came from the **Indian navy**, which diverted three training ships which were on their way to Durban and arrived a week ago (18 March). They had three helicopters with winches for rescue, doctors, food, clothing and medical supplies; 192 people were rescued and Indian doctors provided assistance to 1,381 people. The navy cadets have also been organising people arriving in Beira from Buzi on private boats. Portuguese and Chinese rescue teams arrived at the weekend.

An MI-8 transport helicopter contracted by the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is airdropping inter-agency emergency kits, including food (high-energy biscuits and micronutrient-rich peanut paste used to prevent and treat malnutrition) as well as tents, medicines and other essentials for stranded communities outside Beira.

INGC reported this morning that 128,000 people are now in accommodation centres. INGC is not using its web page but is posting on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Instituto-Nacional-de-Gestão-de-Calamidades-INGC-301550567173664/> Parts of Zambezia can still only be reached by boat.

Metal emergency bridging acquired from in China for \$12 mn in 2016 with specialised transport vehicles was **not used** to reopen the N6 road to Beira because of a communications failure, admitted Minister of Public Works João Machatine. They could have been used, and would have allowed trucks to move faster, but instead dirt bypasses were built beside the washouts. (@Verdade 25 Mar)

Some **Cahora Bassa power** has been restored to South Africa. There are two power lines. One is significantly damaged and will take months to repair. The other was less damaged and was repaired over the weekend, according to Eskom.

Two thirds of houses in Beira City have suffered roofing damage and one third have suffered structural failure, according to rapid survey by the Shelter Cluster, reported the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs this morning.

<https://reliefweb.int/updates?country=164#content>

Tonnes of aid: Yesterday (24 Mar) the WFP Logistics Cluster in Beira facilitated handling, offloading and transport services of the following aircraft:

- + One C-295 cargo plane transporting 8 tonnes of humanitarian cargo from DFID, UNICEF and WFP from Maputo, to Chimoio and Beira;
- + Two Ilyushin cargo planes transporting DFID and THW relief cargo;
- + Two rotations of the MI-8 helicopter;
- + One Boeing 757 with 20 tonnes of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) from Dubai.

WFP Logistics Cluster reports that "humanitarian partners have not reported any importation/customs constraints since the beginning of the emergency. ... The INGC is assisting organisations in fast-tracking relief items from customs at Beira and Maputo airports and sea ports."

20 charged in secret debt case

Twenty people were formally charged in the \$2 bn secret debt case on Friday (22 Mar) the Attorney General's office (Procuradoria-Geral da Republica, PGR) announced, and the case has been sent to the Maputo city court. The PRG said they have already confiscated 15 buildings and apartments, 6 cars and one item of heavy construction machinery; 31 bank accounts have been frozen because of evidence of illegal funds.

Ten of those charged have already been arrested; 9 are being held and 1 is on bail. Originally 28 were identified as formally under investigation, of whom 20 have been charged, 4 absolved, and 4 are subject of separate processes, including Manuel Chang for whom an extradition warrant has been sent to South Africa. They are charged with embezzlement, extortion, money laundering, corruption, abuse of office, falsifying documents and criminal association.

Carta de Moçambique lists the 20 charged as: Tefilo Nhangumele, Bruno Tandane, Cipriano Mutota, Ndambi Guebuza, Gregorio Leao, António Carlos Rosário, Angela Leao, Elias Moiane, Fabiao Mabunda, Sidonio Siteo, Crimildo Manjate, Mbanda Anabela Buque (sister of Angela Leao), Khessaujee Pulchand, Simione Mahumane, Naimo Quimbine, Sergio Namburete, Marcia Biosse de Caifaz Namburete (wife of Serio Namburete), Maria Ines Moiane Dove, Manuel Renato Matusse and Zulficar Ahmad.

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To Donate for cyclone relief:

Sofala Women's Group for Sharing Ideas - GMPIS (Grupo de Mulheres de Partilha de Ideias de Sofala): bit.ly/MozCyclone19

UK Disasters Emergency Committee (joint NGO) Cyclone Idai appeal:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/cyclone#/>

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Flood maps not updated in past few days:

One of the best weather forecasting maps: <https://www.windy.com>

WFP extremely detailed map (24 Mb!) also showing significant flooding in Shire river valley in Tete, Zambeze river valley, and other parts of Zambezia: bit.ly/MozCyclone15 and click on Download Static Map

MSF detailed map: bit.ly/MozCyclone16

EU Copernicus very detailed set of maps: bit.ly/MozCyclone14

Unitar has very good maps of flooding in Sofala and also Tete: <http://bit.ly/MozCyclone12>

Edinburgh University satellite flood maps: bit.ly/MozCyclone4 and bit.ly/MozCyclone2

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TV film:

BBC What the aftermath looks like: <https://bbc.in/2Wer7Jg>
ITV Fights for food bit.ly/MozCyclone21

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Background reading

Special reports

Mozambique heroin transit trade

English - LSE - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroin>

Portuguese - Pt - CIP - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroina>

Gas for development?

Gas_for_development_or_just_for_money?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasEng

Gás_para_desenvolvimento_ou_apenas_dinheiro?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasPt

Social protection report - 2017 Mozambique - <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>

Special report on four poverty surveys: bit.ly/MozPoverty

2018 Constitution - <http://bit.ly/2KF588T>

Minimum wage and exchange rates 1996-2018 -- <http://bit.ly/MinWage18>

\$2bn secret debt - in English

Kroll - Full report on \$2bn debt - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-Moz-full>

Kroll report summary - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-sum>

Key points of Mozambique parliament report - Nov 2016 - <http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt-En>

Following the donor-designed path to Mozambique's \$2.2 bn debt - <http://bit.ly/3WQ-hanlon>

In Portuguese:

Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt (complete) bit.ly/MozAR-debt

Eight books by Joseph Hanlon can be downloaded, free: <http://bit.ly/Hanlon-books>

Bangladesh confronts climate change (2016)

Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique (2014)

Há Mais Bicicletas – mas há desenvolvimento? (2008)

Mozambique e as grandes cheias de 2000 (2001)

Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000 (2001)

Paz Sem Benefício: Como o FMI Bloqueia a Reconstrução (1997)

Peace Without Profit: How the IMF Blocks Rebuilding (1996)

Mozambique: Who Calls the Shots (1991)

Mozambique: The Revolution Under Fire (1984)

These are still available for sale:

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento (2014) (free in English)

Zimbabwe takes back its land (2013)

Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South (2010)

Do bicycles equal development in Mozambique? (2008) (free in Portuguese)

Beggar Your Neighbours: Apartheid Power in Southern Africa (1986)

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