

# MOZAMBIQUE 449

## News reports & clippings

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#### Maps:

**WFP: roads blocked, updated today:** [bit.ly/MozCyclone20](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone20)

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#### Good BBC film today:

**What the aftermath looks like:** <https://bbc.in/2Wer7Jg>

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#### Belatedly discovered:

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

**ITV: Fights for food: 21 March.** Fighting for food outside a warehouse in Beira; in Buzi people discover the President's helicopter has food and are filmed taking it.

[bit.ly/MozCyclone21](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone21)

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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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## Is aid being delayed by distrust? Then send accountants along with rescuers and aid

The government has zero credibility, and there were two warnings today that aid is being delayed because of distrust of a seriously corrupted government. Both call for civil society to monitor aid distribution and spending so that help is not further delayed.

[bit.ly/MozCyclone23](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone23) and [bit.ly/MozCyclone24](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone24) (both in Portuguese).

"IDA1 has plunged us into a tragedy where we can only leave with the support of international charity. The willingness to support is great, but it comes with the fear that this money will be diverted into the pockets of a half dozen people who run the state and government", writes Marcelo Mosse in *Carta de Moçambique* today.

"The Mozambican state has no moral structure to receive cash (and even in-kind) donations. Therefore, almost all the aid announced is complemented with the warning that its use will be policed. "Let's help, but we want auditing!" says international charity.

"The state is a deadbeat, its leaders are involved in corruption until the marrow of their bones, and society picks up by tab? No, this is unfair! Abominable! Donors cannot delay aid because they do not trust the state. Therefore, with the state's credibility in the trash, the most honest and not politically tied civil society must do anything to ensure that aid reaches the victims and the poor."

Much money will go through the government disasters agency INGC (Instituto Nacional de Gestao de Calamidades). But the **Public Integrity Centre** (CIP, Centro de Integridade Publica) today demands: "It is imperative that there is a tight control of aid channelled through the INGC in all its phases."

"A public outcry is becoming widespread with the common denominator of distrust - that aid may not reach affected populations. One reason is the lack of clarity in the control and management of aid by the entity responsible, the INGC. But it is also because increasing levels of corruption are having an impact on the public sector, and because of misconduct in government handling public finances in general, and in particular the \$2 bn secret debt. Hence we have observed a high level of hesitation by the cooperation partners to direct aid to the government, especially money."

In 2017 there was a big meeting at INGC on transparency and management, with the participation of CIP and the Tribunal Administrativo (TA, Audit Court). Public Works Minister Joao Osvaldo Machatine, who was responsible for INGC, told the meeting that an internal control unit would be created that would prevent misconduct. Two years later, nothing has been heard of the intended unit. And CIP points out that the TA has never published an audit of INGC.

"Due to the level of mistrust that prevails, the control and management systems of INGC should involve credible civil society organizations of acknowledged merit, as well as organized religious institutions and other entities. They should be involved in the management of the aid at the time of its receipt, packaging and subsequent distribution to populations affected by the cyclone. These entities would give greater credibility to the process and would confirm later if there was a rational and transparent use resources." It calls for a daily audit and reporting.

## Road to Beira open

The only road to Beira, the EN6, reopened this afternoon to all traffic, including heavy lorries. Electricity reached more of the city, including the hospital, and there were street lights last night in some areas. The task is slowed by the need to remove many of the cables lying on the ground to prevent people being electrocuted. Water has been restored, but at low pressure. Destruction in Beira is massive, and many historic buildings are badly damaged. (*Carta de Moçambique*, 24 Mar pm)

Movitel (owned by Frelimo and the Vietnamese army) was the first mobile telephone company to restore full service, followed by Mcel and Vodacom.

Accommodation centres now hold 110,000 people.

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## Cabo Delgado insurgency continues

Four attacks have been reported since Friday in Macomia, Ancuabe and Meluco districts of Cabo Delgado. Bengala II in Macomia was attacked twice, even though there is a strong military presence nearby. The first was in mid-afternoon Friday when houses were burned and the second was Saturday afternoon. (*Carta de Moçambique*, 24 Mar)

Mpataula, 3km from Macomia town, was attacked Saturday morning, and motorcycles and houses burned. There was an attack in Ancuabe Saturday. This morning (Sunday) there was an attack on the town of Iba, Muaguide, Meluco. There were gunshots and injuries but no other details.

But the army appears to be gaining ground in Palma and Moçimboa da Praia districts. *Carta* reports.

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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](http://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:**

**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](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone15) and click on Download Static Map

**MSF detailed map:** [bit.ly/MozCyclone16](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone16)

**EU Copernicus very detailed set of maps:** [bit.ly/MozCyclone14](http://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](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone4) and [bit.ly/MozCyclone2](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone2)

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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](http://bit.ly/MozGasEng)

Gás\_para\_desenvolvimento\_ou\_apenas\_dinheiro?\_2015 [bit.ly/MozGasPt](http://bit.ly/MozGasPt)

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

Special report on four poverty surveys: [bit.ly/MozPoverty](http://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](http://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)

Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000 (2001)  
Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000 (2001)  
Paz Sem Beneficio: 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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