

# MOZAMBIQUE 452

## News reports & clippings

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## Cyclone Idai: huge damage, but people going home

With support from family and friends as well as aid agencies, people are returning home to rebuild, following the massive damage due to the wind and flooding of Cyclone Idai. All reports stress the importance of community solidarity - local boats to rescue people, neighbours taking in people whose houses were destroyed, and friends and family travelling long distances to bring food and clothing.

130,000 people fled to accommodation centres. Centres have already closed in parts of Zambezia and Manica provinces which are on the edge of the affected area. And some people are now using the centres primarily to access food and medical assistance. UN Migration's table yesterday for Beira shows numbers falling and some centres closed, but with 20,000 still in centres in the city. [bit.ly/MozCyclone27](http://bit.ly/MozCyclone27)

Only one area is still flooded. The Pungue River at Mafambisse remained 1.6 metres above flood level this morning (4 April) and is falling only very slowly. The area along the river between Mafambisse and Tica remains flooded, displacing an estimated several thousand people.

Sam Bowers and Casey Ryan, remote sensing scientists from The University of Edinburgh who work in Mozambique, have updated their flooding map, comparing 1 April with 18 March: [bit.ly/2MozCyclone26](http://bit.ly/2MozCyclone26) (<https://sambowers.bitbucket.io/> for explanations). (The Pungue has dropped very little since 1 April, so the map will still be correct.)

More than 1.4 mn people were affected by the cyclone, said the government disaster relief agency INGC (Instituto Nacional de Gestao de Calamidades) today. The official death toll as of this morning is 598 but bodies are still being found as flood waters fall; 800,000 ha of crops were damaged or destroyed and 3344 school classrooms were damaged or destroyed. <https://www.facebook.com/INGC.Mocambique>

More than one-third of building in Beira are damaged, according to Unitar-Unosat, which has posted a set of very detailed building by building maps of Beira with damage estimates based on satellite images. <https://www.unitar.org/unosat/maps/MOZ>

## Cholera: 2 deaths and now vaccination

As expected the flooding and lack of clean water has triggered a cholera epidemic, but the response was rapid. As of yesterday (3 April) 1,741 cases and two deaths had been reported since 27 March. They are in Beira (1,218 cases; 1 death), Dondo (66 cases; 1 death) and Nhamatanda (144 cases), according to the Ministry of Health. Of these, 313 cases were reported in the previous 24 hours.

A vaccination campaign against cholera began on Wednesday, funded by \$2.5 mn from the Vaccine Alliance, GAVI; 900,000 doses of the vaccine arrived in Beira earlier in the week, and the health authorities expect to vaccinate over 884,000 people. The vaccine will be administered in Beira, Dondo and Nhamatanda, as well as Buzi which has had no cholera cases yet but was badly affected by the flood.

## Controlling corruption

Mozambique has a bad reputation for fraud and misconduct, which caused some concern among donors. And INGC director-general Augusta Maita admitted at a press conference that public complaints were valid and that some INGC staff have been dishonest and food and other goods have been stolen.

President Filipe Nyusi last week in Beira said that an independent commission involving a local company Terra Mar Logistics and the World Food Programme would be set up to oversee distribution, and it began work Monday. Parliament has also set up a commission.

INGC yesterday published lists of donations, detailed down to packets of biscuits and salt. But did not say where they donations went.

## Other disaster news

**Isolation:** Mossurize district in southern Manica is cut off because a bridge was washed out. In Gruja, Buzi district, Sofala, 850 families are cut off and can only be supplied by air, which so far has included only enough food for 350 families.

**Politics as usual:** Beira mayor Daviz Simango (of the opposition MDM party) announced that the city council would host an international donors conference on 24 April. But on Tuesday 2 April the Council of Ministers decided to take over the donors conference and will set up its own reconstruction office in Beira. However the Council of Ministers meeting did include the mayors of the affected cities, including Daviz.

**Baby born in tree:** Amelia was sheltering from the floods with her two year old son in a mango tree in Dombe when she gave birth to her daughter. It was two days before they were rescued. Mother and baby are fine, reports Unicef. The last previous big flood, in 2000 in Gaza, also had a baby born in a tree.

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***What happened last time?***

**Mozambique The Great Flood Of 2000**

**Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000**

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#### Mozambique heroin transit trade

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

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#### Gas for development?

Gas\_for\_development\_or\_just\_for\_money?\_2015 [bit.ly/MozGasEng](http://bit.ly/MozGasEng)

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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)

**Election study collaboration:** We have detailed election data from 1999 through 2014 and are inviting scholars to use this data collaboratively. <http://bit.ly/MozEIData>

Election newsletters are on <http://bit.ly/2H066Kg>

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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)

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)

#### Two more will be available shortly to download:

Apartheid's 2nd Front (1986)

Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000

#### 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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