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Maps:

NEW: Unitar has very good maps of flooding in Sofala and also Tete:

<http://bit.ly/MozCyclone12>

NEW: The EU's Copernicus has a very detailed set of maps: bit.ly/MozCyclone14

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

WFP roads blocked: <http://bit.ly/MozCyclone6>

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Best summary of Cyclone Irae, BBC: <https://bbc.in/2HAgPzO>

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

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

Also BBC flying over Buzi. <http://bit.ly/MozCyclone7>

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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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No one knows yet the extent of devastation

A week after the Cyclone Idai hit, the extent of devastation is still unclear. The government disasters body said today that 90,000 people are now in 109 accommodation centres. (bit.ly/MozCyclone10) But many were able to walk to schools and other public buildings being used as accommodation centres in Beira and Dondo, after their houses were destroyed. Uncounted tens of thousands of people are still stranded in the huge rural flooded area, many without food for the past week. Rescue is largely by local canoes and fishing boats.

World Food Programme has a warehouse in Beira, but it was largely destroyed in the cyclone and much of the food lost. It is using the food that survived to feed about 4000 people a day in Beira and Dondo, according to Gerald Bourke of the World Food Programme. (Listen to the interview by Borges Nhamire on bit.ly/MozCyclone11) South African and Indian military planes and helicopters are also dropping food to stranded

people.

Beira is still cut off and only accessible by plane or boat. A ship with 25 containers of donations from Maputo should arrive tomorrow night, and some food is being flown in. But because they do not know the scale of the disaster, "we don't know what the needs are," admitted Bourke. But he stressed it is "beyond the means of any country to solve alone." International help is essential and the "recovery effort is going to take months".

The city still has no electricity and Beira's main hospital is running out of diesel fuel for its generator. Roofs were ripped off and 60% of the hospital's buildings were totally or partially destroyed. The main operating theatre and blood bank were destroyed by the cyclone, and some wards were flooded, reports AFP. "Wet beds stand empty in water-logged wards, workers navigate the corridors in gumboots and a nauseating smell exudes from all sides." Only the most urgent surgery is being carried out because the risk of infections is high

Flood waters will continue to fall in the Pungue and Buzi rivers, according to the daily national hydrology bulletin issue this afternoon, but remain above flood levels.

Election registration delayed but elections will take place this year

Election registration, which was due to start on 1 April, has been delayed indefinitely, until there are acceptable conditions in flood and cyclone affected areas, the National Elections Commission (CNE) announced this afternoon. It also opened the possibility of delaying the elections, but said they must be held this year. *Carte de Moçambique* today reported that the CNE gave the Council of Ministers three choices: continue with the present date of 15 October, or delay to 15 November or 15 December. The last will be particularly difficult because it is in the rainy season. Changes in the electoral law and calendar will be needed.

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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

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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)
- 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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