

MOZAMBIQUE 448

News reports & clippings

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Maps:

NEW: 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

NEW: MSF detailed map: bit.ly/MozCyclone16

Updated this morning: The EU's Copernicus has a very detailed set of maps:

bit.ly/MozCyclone14

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Audio briefings this morning:

Sebastian Stamp, OCHA: bit.ly/MozCyclone17

Celso Correia, Environment Minister & emergency coordinator (in Portuguese) :

bit.ly/MozCyclone18

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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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Beira has water, some electricity; railway opened yesterday; main road EN6 to open Monday

*With reporting from our correspondent
in Beira, Borges Nhamire*

Electricity has been restored to water pumping and treatment stations by the government water agency FIPAG, so Beira and Dondo now have clean water. Electricity has been restored to part of the city. The port is open, the railway line was opened yesterday. Bypasses are being built around the washouts of the main EN6 road which links Beira to the rest of the country and the road should open Monday, Environment Minister and Emergency Coordinator Celso Correia said in his briefing this morning. This will allow larger quantities of food and other supplies to be brought to flooded areas in Nhamatanda, west of Beira, and to the city itself.

New bypass at Lamego, Nhamatanda, photo Carta de Moçambique

Flood waters are dropping, but only slowly, and rain has largely stopped. But the flooded area remains a huge inland lake 100 km long and up to 30 km wide. Rescue continues, largely by local boats. Sebastian Stamp, OCHA representative, said there were no longer people in trees, but still many people taking refuge on roofs - often having brought food up to the roofs which they are trying to dry now that the rain has stopped. The Red Cross reports 40 prisoners and guards still trapped on the roof of the Buzi jail.

O Pais photo

Conditions are being improved in the accommodation centres, which are largely in damaged schools and public buildings. There have been no disease major outbreaks yet and attempts are being made to provide clean water and sanitation, but with so much polluted water, cholera and perhaps typhoid expected; malaria is endemic.

There is no realistic death toll, but it is already over 1000 in the three countries Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Bodies are still being found. Manica governor Manuel Rodrigues said 75 bodies were found floating in the Mussapadzi river in Dombe, in Sussundenga district. Bodies have been found floating in the Pungue River in Nhamatanda. The morgue in Beira's main hospital is overflowing with dozens of bodies, reports AFP.

Food remains an issue and some people have eaten little for a week. A warehouse in Beira was broken into Wednesday, according to AFP.

The storm knocked down pylons which disrupted electricity exports from Mozambique's Cahora Bassa hydropower dam to South Africa, causing power cuts there, It has also curbed fuel supplies to Zimbabwe from a pipeline that originates in Beira, reports Bloomberg.

Severity of cyclone due to climate change

It is impossible to attribute an individual cyclone to climate change - Mozambique regularly has cyclones. But climate change raises the surface temperature of the sea water, which increases the intensity of cyclones, and this is happening in the region. "There is a climate change component which is intensifying the storms and increasing their reach," and is clearly true with this cyclone, explained Dr Jennifer Fitchett, physical geography researcher, University of the Witwatersrand. But it is impossible to say how much: "for one particular storm it would be very difficult to say that there is a given proportion of that storm of its severity that is a direct result of climate change." BBC interview:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0748842> at 12 minutes into the programme

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To Donate:

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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Maps not being updated:

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

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

Good BBC broadcasts

Cyclone summary: <https://bbc.in/2HAgPzO>

Flying over Buzi. <http://bit.ly/MozCyclone7>

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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)

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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