

Southern Africa Cyclone and Floods Relief

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Overview of the Disaster

In early March 2019, Malawi and Mozambique were both hit by flash floods that brought considerable damage. However, soon after relief began, Cyclone Idai struck Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, bringing massive rain and floods which aggravated the situation. The impact of these disasters was compounded by a second Cyclone Kenneth, which hit within a span of four weeks – creating immense challenges for the three countries that continue to struggle to recover from the disastrous and destructive impacts. Beira, the fourth largest city of Mozambique, particularly experienced the greatest impact. The disasters killed over 1,000 people, displacing hundreds of thousands. It is estimated that 3.3 million people are still in need to humanitarian assistance.

World Vision's Disaster Response

World Vision was on the ground after Cyclone Idai and, though the collective efforts of international supporters, was able to provide the following support during the first 90 days of the response:

- **Food provision for 701,492 people** across Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe
- **87,895 people were given shelter items** such as tarpaulins and black sheeting
- **155,455 people were assisted with non-food items** based on a needs-approach, including blankets, diapers, kitchen pots, mugs, amongst other.
- **3,500 households in Chikwawa and Zomba districts in Malawi were supported with agricultural inputs** (including fertilizers and maize, bean and vegetable seeds) for winter cropping. This is intended to promote production of high nutritious food, with an anticipation of reduced level of household food insecurity, while also meeting their dietary needs.
- **863 water points were established** in the three affected countries to restore access to safe water for 175,000 people
- **2,553 emergency latrines were constructed**



Children with the food received from World Vision. Each household received 6 kg of rice, 1 kg of beans, 1 litre of oil per person as rations for the next 15 days.



World Vision distributed non-food items. Their kits included a rope, two tarpaulins, 1 20 litre bucket, one plastic latrine cover, 3 mosquito nets, two five litre buckets.



- **11,874 Hygiene kits were distributed to provide survivors with soap, water buckets, sanitary pads, and water purification tablets, amongst others**
- **25 Child Friendly Spaces were established** in Mozambique and Zimbabwe since April 2019 to ensure the well-being of 7,477 children. This included training 421 community members to run the Child Friendly Spaces and enhance the timely referral of children to needed social services.
- **2,150 children were screened** for signs of malnutrition



Children at the Child Friendly Spaces are involved in several recreational activities.

Moving forward

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of beneficiaries from Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your gift to send hope and help in this emergency.

To ensure the recovery of the affected families and communities, World Vision continues to engage in the three affected countries. The Survival Fund by World Vision Singapore allows us to reach out to disaster-stricken victims and is a way to allow us to stand in the gap while both bracing at-risk communities and providing relief to those recovering from disasters. To learn more, visit www.worldvision.org.sg/disaster.