

Mozambique – Cyclones Idai and Kenneth

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Highlights

- The ETC is currently providing Internet connectivity in 1x site in Pemba and 5x sites on Ibo island to support the humanitarian response to Cyclone Kenneth.
- The ETC is providing connectivity to responders in Macomia.
- The team has made 3x satellite phones available to Clusters and partners to enable voice communication in Muchojo and surrounding areas.



The ETC and FORCOM are rehabilitating 6x community radios in Sofala province, including in Nhamatanda.

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Situation Overview

On 2 June, an international pledging conference concluded in Beira with development partners committing financial and technical resources to support recovery interventions as the country deals with the challenging devastation caused by cyclones Idai and Kenneth.

Conference pledges and consensus-building discussions were informed by a Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) – a comprehensive technical study conducted and led by the Government of Mozambique and supported by the UN, the European Union, the World Bank and the African Development Bank. Mozambique needs US\$3.2 billion for recovery and reconstruction in the social, productive, and infrastructure sectors in Sofala, Manica, Tete, Zambezia, Inhambane, Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces.

For the initial phase, a total of US\$1.2 billion has been pledged and announced at the conference.

Response

Cyclone Kenneth

- The ETC is preparing to establish a security operations centre (SOC) in **Macomia** to ensure the safety and security of the increasing number of humanitarians working in that area.
 - The team also set up Internet connectivity services at the WFP office and an inter-agency guest house in Macomia. The team will attempt to extend this connectivity to an Oxfam office and a hospital during the next site visit.
 - The ETC conducted a technical assessment of community radio station, Radio Nuru and a government-run radio station.
- The ETC team comprising partners from World Food Programme (WFP), Ericsson Response and Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) continues to provide connectivity in 1x location in Pemba and 5x sites on Ibo island.
 - **Pemba:** Raphael Hotel which is the EOC for the Cyclone Kenneth response.
 - **Ibo island:** Mwani House, Ibo Lodge, 2x Oikos office and Ibo Foundation House.
- The ETC is programming radios for humanitarian responders and has loaned one satphone to Caritas and 3x VHF radios to Oxfam to support their response efforts.
- The ETC is planning to conduct an assessment mission to Mucojo next week to determine the feasibility of extending the VHF network and establishing Internet connectivity at the WFP warehouse.

Cyclone Idai

- The ETC continues to operate an SOC in Beira to ensure staff in the field can contact colleagues safely and securely.

Planned Response

- As part of its Services for Communities activities, the ETC together with the National Forum of Community Radio (FORCOM) are rehabilitating 6x community radio stations across Sofala province (1x Beira, 2x Dondo, 1x Nhamatanda, 1x Buzi and 1x in Gorongosa) to ensure affected populations have access to lifesaving information, such as how to prevent the spread of diseases such as malaria and cholera. Community radios are a central source of information for people in Mozambique.
- The ETC continues to plan a consultation workshop for an ICT Preparedness Plan for Mozambique in collaboration with INCM. The ETC will bring in facilitation and international experience to guide national line ministries, the regulator and mobile network operators from the lessons learnt from other countries. The

ultimate objective of the consultation is to devise a comprehensive, holistic plan for government and to have a mutual agreement within various stakeholders in terms of priorities in various core areas of ICT.

- The ETC continues to consolidate and share operational information, with the aim of enhancing operational decision making. This includes maintaining information sharing platforms, contact lists, the country webpage on www.ETCluster.org, ETC Dashboard and generating regular SitReps.

Challenges

- The national electricity grid in Beira has been restored by teams from Electricidade de Moçambique (EDM) but power supplies are not yet fully stable and outlying areas around Beira remain under repair.
- Extensive road and infrastructure damage caused by Cyclone Kenneth in the districts of Quissanga, Macomia and Ibo island is preventing the transfer of vital ICT equipment from Beira to support response efforts in Pemba.
- Security issues in Cabo Delgado province may hamper the humanitarian operation.

Funding

Cyclone Idai

- The ETC requires US\$1.2 million for the provision of services in up to 4x EOCs for six months, along with a number of connection sites at accommodation centres, health centres, distribution points and humanitarian hubs. So far, it is 50% per cent funded having received US\$100,000 from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and US\$500,000 from WFP's Strategic Resource Allocation Committee.
- The ETC has submitted a US\$500,000 funding proposal to local donors to fund ETC activities in the country.

Cyclone Kenneth

- The total ETC budget for Cyclone Kenneth is US\$720,000 for a period of three months. The ETC received its requested US\$249,114 from CERF funds.

Meetings

- The next Global ETC teleconference on the Cyclone Idai response in Mozambique will be held on Wednesday 19 June.

Information

- All the information related to the ETC response in Mozambique can be found on the dedicated emergency page on the ETC website: www.etcluster.org/emergencies/mozambique-cyclones-idai-and-kenneth

- The latest ETC Mozambique Dashboard can be found here: <https://www.etcluster.org/document/etc-mozambique-dashboard-10-june-2019>
- Partners that are responding in the affected areas or have relevant information on the Mozambique operation for the wider humanitarian community can share it by emailing Mozambique.ETC@wfp.org



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Acronyms

CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund
COMCEN	Communications Centre
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
GATR	Ground Antenna Transmit and Receive
HF	High Frequency
ICCG	Inter Cluster Coordination Group
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
INCM	National Institute of Communications in Mozambique
INGC	National Disaster Management Institute
UAS	Unmanned Aircraft Systems
UNHAS	United Nations Humanitarian Air Service
SBP	Standby Partner
VHF	Very High Frequency
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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