

## **Mozambique – Cyclones Idai and Kenneth**

### **ETC Situation Report #17**

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### **Highlights**

- The ETC is currently providing Internet connectivity in 2x sites in Pemba, 3x sites in Macomia and 3x sites on Ibo island to support the humanitarian response to Cyclone Kenneth.
- In line with plans, all ETC services are expected to be demobilized by the end of July for both the Cyclone Idai and Kenneth responses.



The ETC team supporting the Cyclone Kenneth response in Pemba.

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### **Situation Overview**

The ETC is preparing to scale down its activities in response to both Cyclones Idai and Kenneth emergencies as the overall response moves into the recovery and resilience phase.

Cyclone Idai, a category-4 cyclone, made landfall near Beira city on 14 March, with winds blowing at over 220km/h, resulting in the deaths of 603 people and affecting over 1,500,000 others.

In addition, Cyclone Kenneth made landfall in northern Mozambique on 25 April, with 200km/h winds impacting several coastal areas, bringing a path of destruction and damage to the Cabo Delgado and Nampula Provinces, resulting in the deaths of 45 people and 286,282 people affected.

## 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 once the equipment has been received.
- Since the start of the Cyclone Kenneth emergency, more than 346 humanitarian responders have registered to access ETC connectivity services in Pemba, Ibo island and Macomia.
- All ETC Internet connectivity services are starting to be transitioned to local ISPs. The ETC plans to phase out all connectivity services by 12 July.
- The ETC has identified three community radio stations that require rehabilitation as part of its Services for Communities (S4C) activities. The radio stations have sent the ETC a list of equipment that is required and it falls within the ETC budget.
- The new ETC Coordinator will arrive on 26 June and a full handover will take place.

### Cyclone Idai

- ETC connectivity services in areas affected by Cyclone Idai in Sofala province were transitioned to local commercial solutions at the end of May. More than 1,800 humanitarians from 440 organisations had registered to access the connectivity services.
- The ETC continues to supervise the SOC in Beira until the end of July. The ETC has approached UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) to decide on the continuation of the services.
- As part of its S4C activities, the ETC is collaborating with the National Forum of Community Radios in Mozambique (FORCOM) to rehabilitate damaged community radios in Sofala province. The procurement process was finalized and the rehabilitation of the first radio station is scheduled to start in early July.
- The Stand-by Partnership (SBP) Network conducted an after-action review mission in Maputo and Beira between 18-21 June, aimed at evaluating the SBP intervention during emergencies. The ETC was invited to provide inputs to the evaluation as a total of 18 SBPs have supported the ETC during Cyclones Idai and Kenneth emergencies in Mozambique.

## Planned Response

- The Global ETC is planning to hold a preparedness workshop with the National Institute of Communications in Mozambique (INCM), that will be conducted in two phases.
  - **Phase I** is the preparation of the concrete agenda with INCM, determining participants to invite, and identifying and contacting resource persons for the consultation.
  - **Phase II** is the consultation workshop itself which will result in the development of an action plan to enable an effective response to future emergencies.

- A roundtable session to conclude the ETC After-Action Review process will take place in the UN City, Copenhagen in the summer. The organization of the roundtable is being coordinated by the Global ETC team and UN High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR).
- 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](http://www.ETCluster.org), ETC Dashboard and generating regular SitReps.

## Challenges

- Security issues in Cabo Delgado province may hamper the humanitarian operation.
- Delays in importing communications equipment and customs clearances have an impact on ETC operations on the ground.

## 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 17 July.

## 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](http://www.etcluster.org/emergencies/mozambique-cyclones-idai-and-kenneth)
- The latest ETC Mozambique Dashboard can be found here: [https://www.etcluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/MOZ\\_ETC\\_Dashboard\\_A3L\\_20190617.pdf](https://www.etcluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/MOZ_ETC_Dashboard_A3L_20190617.pdf)



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- 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](mailto: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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