



IN NUMBERS



1.85 million people

in need of urgent humanitarian assistance



+500 000 ha of crops

estimated to be destroyed by flooding and Cyclone Idai



USD 19 million

needed to support 425 000 people

OVERVIEW

- On 14 March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall near the port city of Beira before sweeping through five provinces – Inhambane, Manica, Sofala, Tete and Zambezia – decimating livelihoods and leaving a trail of death, destruction and damage in its wake.
- An estimated **1.85 million people** are in need of **urgent assistance**. As of 18 April, over 600 deaths had been recorded and more than **130 000 people had been displaced**.
- Prior to the Cyclone and the floods that preceded and followed it, an estimated **1.78 million people** were already **severely food insecure** in Mozambique, according to the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) analysis and the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN).
- These numbers will rise now that the water has receded and the extent of the damage to **productive, agricultural and fisheries infrastructure and assets** becomes clear. To support the resilience of affected people, FAO is already working to deliver targeted expertise, seeds and livestock to ease immediate food and nutrition needs, ensure the main winter harvest is not missed and diversify livelihoods to promote recovery and build resilience to future shocks.
- FAO is seeking an initial **USD 19 million** to rebuild critical agricultural and fisheries infrastructure, resume local food production and support livestock owners. So far, USD 3.85 million has been raised, which can immediately reach some 95 000 people. **A gap of USD 15.5 million** – 80 percent – remains.

FAO RESPONSE

PRIORITIES



Crops

Distribute maize and bean seeds
Distribute planting material
Rehabilitate rural infrastructure



Fisheries

Rehabilitate fisheries infrastructure
Restore lost/damaged vessels
Repair engines and fishing gear



Livestock

Provide veterinary treatments
Distribute livestock feed



Food security coordination

Co-lead agriculture component of Food Security Cluster with WFP;
Conduct data collection & analysis
Assess impacts on agriculture, fisheries, livestock

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Distribution of tools and early-maturing seeds

In time for the April planting season, FAO is distributing an initial **15 000 agricultural kits** to reach around **75 000 people**. Each kit contains:



8 kg maize seeds



2 hoes



4kg bean seeds

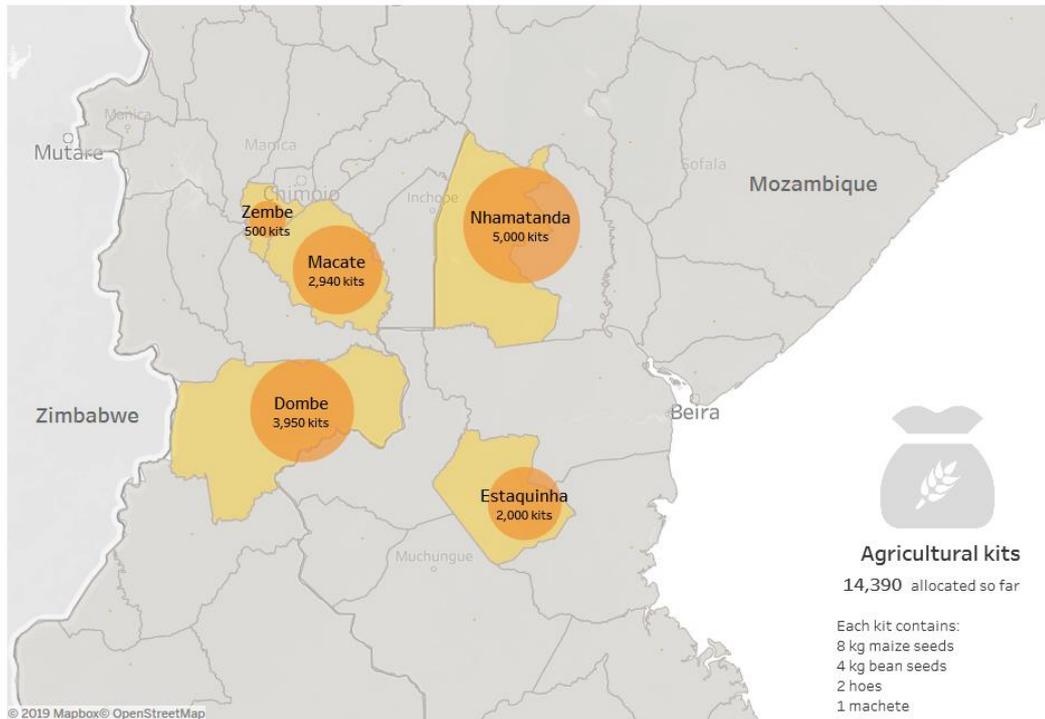


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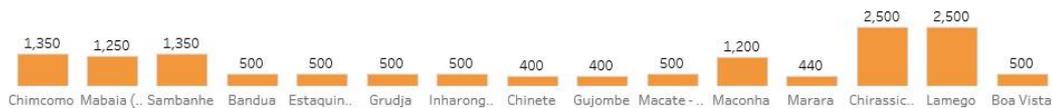
- The seeds are **early-maturing crops** that will be ready for harvest 90 days after planting, protecting the **immediate food security** of most-affected households.
- The window for planting in time for a possible winter harvest is narrowing rapidly: acting now is critical to ensure **food security and livelihoods support** in the coming months.

MAP

Distribution areas of 15 000 agricultural kits already underway



Planned distribution points (updated as of 17 April 2019)

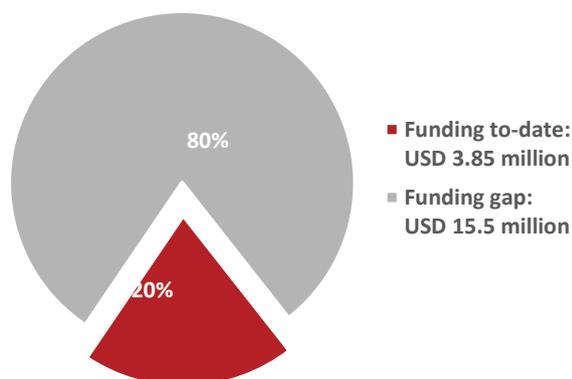


CHALLENGES FACING AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Over **80 percent** of the population of Mozambique depend on **agriculture** for their livelihoods. With more than **500 000 hectares** of crops reported as **destroyed** to date, serious concerns are being raised over food security in the immediate and longer term, particularly as the destruction occurred during the main annual harvest for the central region.

An immediate lack of food and the absence of livelihoods are among the primary concerns preventing displaced people from returning to their homes. With the April planting season already due to be underway and the narrow window of opportunity to plant closing rapidly, this could prove very damaging in terms of food security and livelihoods for the coming months.

FUNDING



ASSESSMENTS

- FAO and Food Security Cluster partners **evaluating the impact** of the disaster on agriculture, fisheries and livestock.
- **Surged capacity** in support of country office and mobilized internal emergency resources to kick-start **immediate interventions**.
- FAO country office in Mozambique is actively involved in the UN Country Team meetings and procedures for **national preparedness and response coordination**.
- SETSAN will carry out **emergency food security assessments** starting in mid-April, which will feed into the IPC assessment foreseen for May.
- FAO **impact assessments** on crops, fisheries and livestock started on 1 April through a combination of GIS and field data collection. The assessments aim to cover all affected districts and findings will be available at the end of April.

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