



IN NUMBERS



1.85 million people

in need of urgent humanitarian assistance



+715 000 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 27 May, 603 deaths had been recorded and more than **400 000 people had been displaced**.
- Prior to Idai, the floods that preceded and followed it, as well as a second cyclone – Kenneth – that arrived just one month later in the north of the country, an estimated **1.78 million people** were already **severely food insecure** in Mozambique, according to Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) analysis and the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN).
- The latest IPC analysis is currently being carried out and results should be issued in June. FAO has conducted extensive early and post-disaster needs assessments across the central provinces, to measure the extent of the damage to **productive, agricultural and fisheries infrastructure and assets**. To support the resilience of affected households, FAO continues to deliver agricultural inputs 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 15.45 million has been raised, leaving a **gap of USD 3.55 million**.

FAO RESPONSE

PRIORITIES



Crops

Distribute maize, bean and vegetable seeds
Distribute planting material
Rehabilitate rural infrastructure



Fisheries

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



Livestock

Provide veterinary treatments
Carry out vaccination campaigns
Distribute livestock feed



Food security coordination

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

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Distribution of tools and early-maturing seeds

So far, FAO has distributed **21 000 agricultural kits** to reach around **100 000 people**. Each kit contained:



8 kg maize seeds



2 hoes



4kg bean seeds

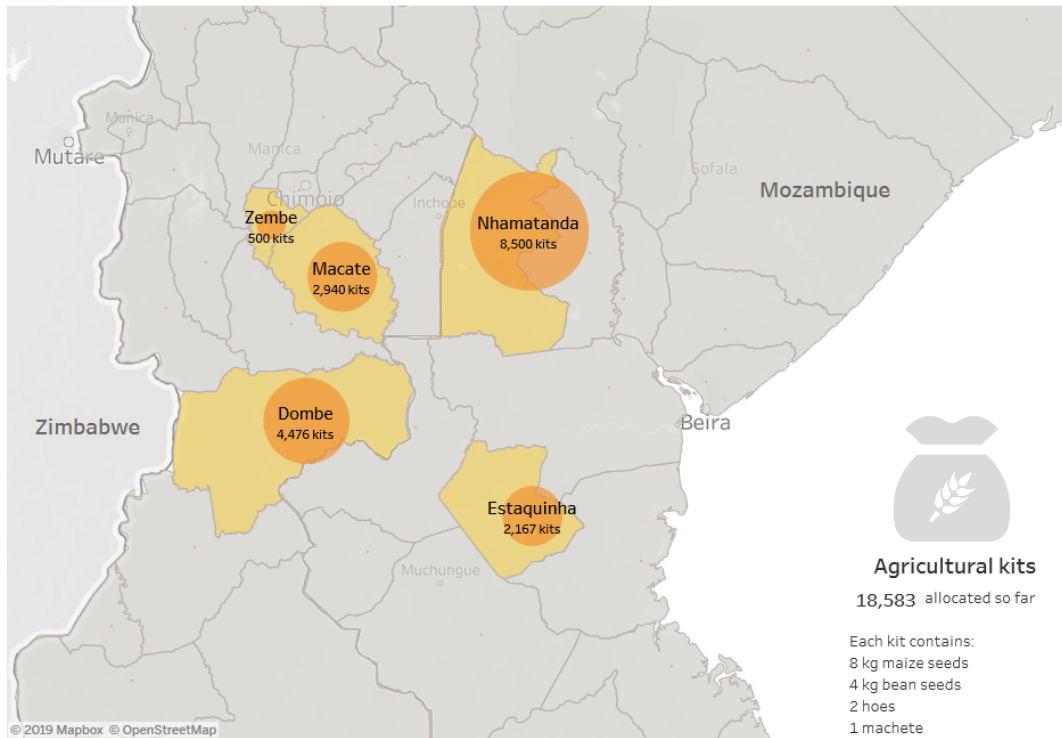


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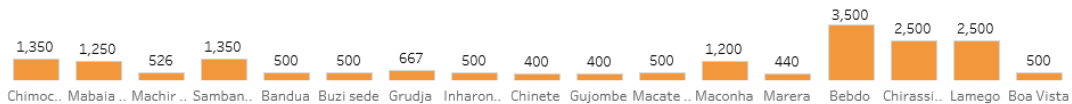
- The seeds are **early-maturing crops** that will be ready for harvest 90 days after planting, protecting the **immediate food security** of most-affected households.
- The seeds needed to be planted by end of April to be in time for a possible winter harvest and ensure **food security and livelihoods support** in the coming months.
- Horticultural** seed distribution will begin in mid-June, targeting **65 900 households**.

MAP

Distribution areas of 21 000 agricultural kits ongoing



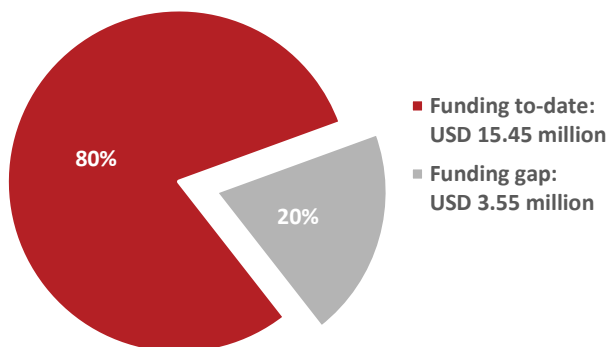
Planned distribution points (updated as of 27 May 2019)



CHALLENGES FACING AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Over **80 percent of the population** of Mozambique depend on **agriculture** for their livelihoods. With more than **715 000 hectares** of crops reported as **destroyed** during the main annual harvest for the central region, this will prove very damaging in terms of food security and livelihoods for both the immediate and longer term.

FUNDING



ASSESSMENTS

- FAO and Food Security Cluster partners are **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 carried out **emergency food security assessments** to feed into the IPC assessment in May.
- FAO **impact assessments** on crops, fisheries and livestock conducted across all affected districts.

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