

**Massachusetts General Hospital Monitoring Situation Africa Following Cyclone Idai
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Update 25 March

At least 447 people have reportedly died and more than 1,500 have been injured in the aftermath of the Cyclone Idai's landfall, according to the Government. The death toll is expected to continue to rise in the days ahead. An estimated 260,000 children are in critical conditions in the provinces of Sofala, Manica, Zambezia and Inhambane as reported by UNICEF. Many areas remain without power and almost every network has been damaged, some 58,660 houses were reported to have been totally destroyed (36,747), partially destroyed (19,733) or flooded (2,184). The UN estimates that a total of 1.85 million people have been affected in Mozambique. The situation remains critical, despite water level slowly receding.

More than 128,941 people were accommodated in 143 sites across Sofala (90 sites), Manica (26 sites), Zambezia (10 sites) and Tete (4 sites).

More than 500,000 hectares of crops have been damaged, which will impact food security in the months ahead, particularly as the losses coincide with the annual harvest period. Lack of access to safe water remains a major concern and there are increasing reports of acute watery diarrhoea in Beira, according to the Government. In Manica, there are reports of increased incidences of malaria. However, exact figures are not yet available.

Beira City (Sofala Province) has suffered extensive damage with almost 80 per cent of the economic infrastructure destroyed. Electricity has been restored to parts of the city, including at Beira hospital. However, electricity from the power grid in Beira continues to be non-functional and there are reports of long queues at petrol stations, according to the Logistics Cluster.

The water levels in flooded areas are going down, and the Government is working on repairing damaged road infrastructure connecting Beira. The corridor from Mutare (Zimbabwe) to Chimoio has reopened; Beira and Chimoio airports are fully operational; the Beira sea port and railway services (Sena railway line) between Tete (Moatize) and Beira cities are also operational. However, electricity from power grids in Beira continues to be non-functional, leaving large parts of the city without sustained power.

In Manica Province, the UNDAC team shared that the Chimoio has been affected but is less critical than initially anticipated and access is gradually being restored by the government although thousands of people affected remain inaccessible.

The National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC) has set up its Center of Operations for Beira in Beira airport. Members of the humanitarian community that are present in Beira are asked to participate in daily Operation Briefing at 0900h.

For all those arriving into Maputo, daily briefings is held at 1100hs at the UNDP office to update on the situation, response and gaps, with latest information from the field.

The UNDAC Team is currently operating in three different sites: Beira (Sofala Province), Chimoio (Manica Province) and the capital Maputo.

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Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, who was the UNDAC Team Leader for the first week, has just been designated Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for Mozambique for three months.

Update 20 March

At least 222 people have died following Cyclone Idai's landfall, and the President of Mozambique, Filipe Nyusi, has said that he believes the death toll could be higher than 1,000 people, according to media reports. At least an estimated 260,000 children have reportedly been affected and in critical conditions in the provinces of Sofala, Manica, Zambezia and Inhambane as reported by UNICEF. Many areas remain without power and almost every network has been damaged.

Beira City has suffered extensive damage, according to reports from preliminary assessments and aerial overviews. The Beira Central Hospital emergency wing remains non-operational due to significant damage. However, other parts of the hospital – including the paediatric wing – have sustained less damage and are reportedly functioning. The Munhava District health center in Beira City has also sustained damage, with the roof reportedly collapsed. WFP's office and warehouse in Beira were damaged, but some of its stocks – including ready-to-use nutritious food for malnourished children and women – have been salvaged. The Population Services International (PSI) factory in Beira was also reportedly damaged, impacting WASH supplies, including stocks of certeza, a water purifier.

Beira City remains cut-off from surrounding areas, with the N6 national road between Tica and Nhamatanda (85 kilometres from Beira) now impassable. Parts of Beira Port – including the grain terminal, warehouses and coal terminal – sustained damage. However, the container terminal and oil terminal did not sustain any major damage, according to preliminary reports. Several vessels ran aground near the Port and salvage operations are underway to clear the area.

Outside of Beira, a dam collapsed on 17 March, reportedly causing extensive damage.

In Manica Province, there are reports of thousands of people affected by flooding and many areas remain inaccessible, making it difficult to identify the scale of impact and needs. A bridge has reportedly collapsed, isolating Dombe and Munhinga, in Sussundenga, from the rest of Manica province.

The next 72 hours are expected to be critical, flood water may rise up to around eight metres and at least 350,000 people are at risk, according to media reports quoting the President. Weather experts predict heavy rainfall in Sofala and Manica provinces from 19 to 21 March with a continued high risk of urban floods in Beira and Dondo. Meanwhile, thousands of people in Zambezia and Tete remain in need of assistance following floods that began in early March. After reports that the Buzi and Pungwe rivers had burst their banks, the government conducted an aerial survey reporting thousands of people marooned on rooftops and more than 50 kilometers of land in Buzi town is submerged. The government will continue to request and mobilize international support in all dimensions. The immediate priority is search and rescue for people stranded and isolated by flood waters, with priority being given to trauma victims.

The National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC) has set up its Center of Operations for Beira in a WFP-provided Wikhall at the airport. Members of the humanitarian community that are present in Beira are asked to participate at this meeting, with coordination currently being facilitated by WFP and COSACA.

For all those arriving into Maputo, OCHA will be arranging daily briefings at 1100hrs at the UNDP office to update on the situation, response and gaps, with latest information from the field.

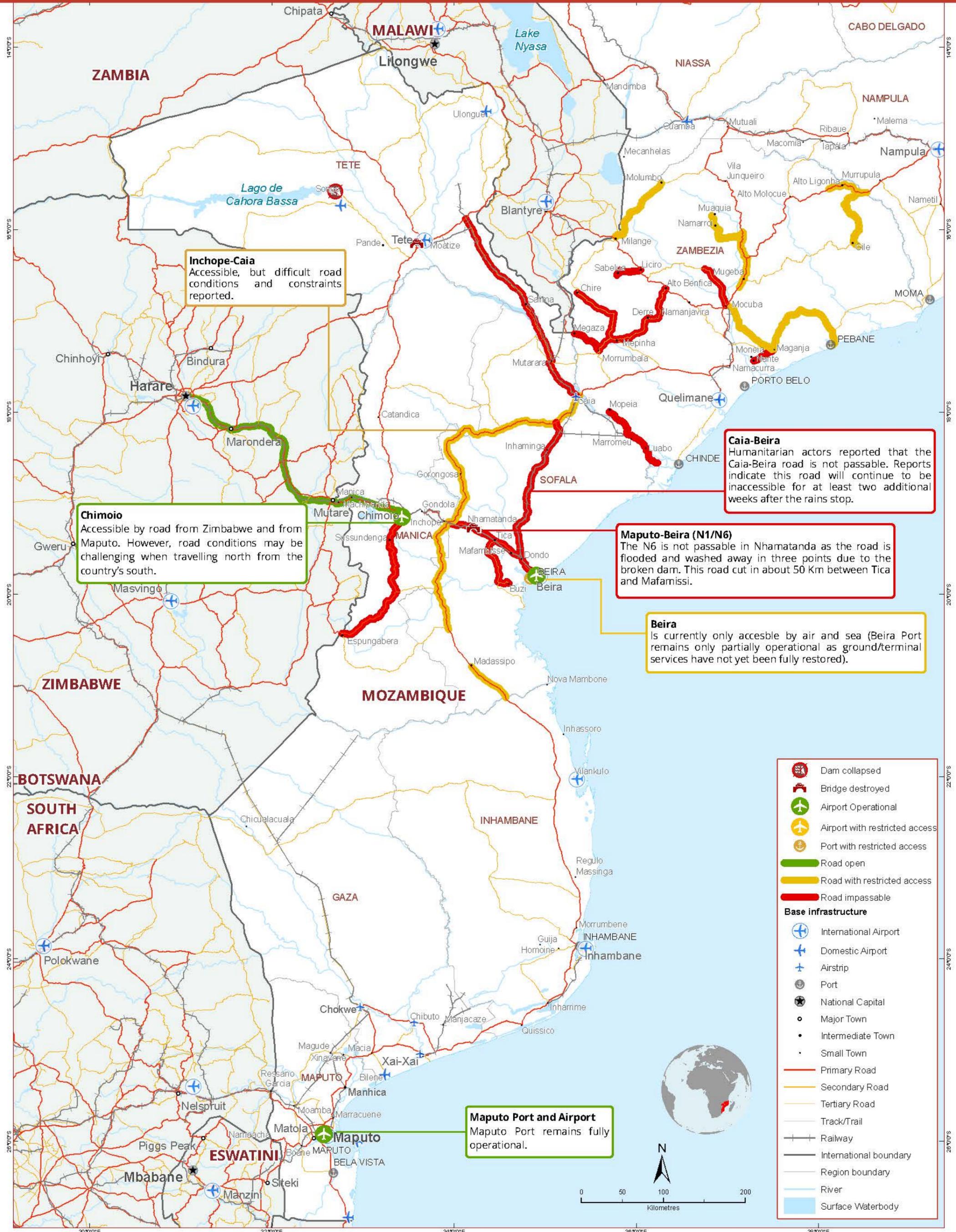
Status of Request for Assistance

- Ahead of Cyclone Idai's landfall, the government established six on-site emergency operations and coordination teams, pre-positioned in six strategic locations (Vilankulos, Caia, Beira, Chimoio, Tete and Quelimane)
- OCHA Regional Office for Southern and Eastern Africa has deployed staff to support the Humanitarian Country Team, as well as the National Institute of Disaster Management's (INGC) which is maintaining its Center of Operations at the Beira airport, with inter-agency coordination currently being facilitated by WFP and COSACA
- WHO Regional Office for Africa and WHO HQ have deployed additional staff to strengthen capacities in assessment, coordination and logistics.
- A WFP Logistics Cluster team continues to carry-out airlifts of high-energy biscuits and other vital supplies from Beira
- Emergency Telecommunication (ETC) partners have deployed ICT equipment and Télécoms Sans Frontière is providing connectivity at Beira airport to support the humanitarian community in the affected areas.
- A self sufficient IPSS Medical team has deployed from South Africa, as well as a team of 15 rescuers with six pick up drives and one medical helicopter to support on the medical site.
- The Indian Navy and the South African Air Force are supporting Government-led efforts to evacuate survivors from Buzi to Beira. An alert has been sent through the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) to mobilise additional search and rescue capacity
- An UNDAC team is deploying today 20th March to Mozambique with the support of MapAction and IHP at the request of the Government and of the UN Resident Coordinator.
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Inchope-Caia
 Accessible, but difficult road conditions and constraints reported.

Chimoio
 Accessible by road from Zimbabwe and from Maputo. However, road conditions may be challenging when travelling north from the country's south.

Caia-Beira
 Humanitarian actors reported that the Caia-Beira road is not passable. Reports indicate this road will continue to be inaccessible for at least two additional weeks after the rains stop.

Maputo-Beira (N1/N6)
 The N6 is not passable in Nhamatanda as the road is flooded and washed away in three points due to the broken dam. This road cut in about 50 Km between Tica and Mafamissi.

Beira
 Is currently only accessible by air and sea (Beira Port remains only partially operational as ground/terminal services have not yet been fully restored).

Maputo Port and Airport
 Maputo Port remains fully operational.

	Dam collapsed
	Bridge destroyed
	Airport Operational
	Airport with restricted access
	Port with restricted access
	Road open
	Road with restricted access
	Road impassable
Base infrastructure	
	International Airport
	Domestic Airport
	Airstrip
	Port
	National Capital
	Major Town
	Intermediate Town
	Small Town
	Primary Road
	Secondary Road
	Tertiary Road
	Track/Trail
	Railway
	International boundary
	Region boundary
	River
	Surface Waterbody