

Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe: 24 March, 2000 Floods

appeal no. 04/2000 (revision 2)

situation report no. 07

period covered: 17 March - 24 March

Appeal 04/2000 was originally launched on 11 February 2000 for CHF 2,800,000. Responding to the evolving nature of the disaster, Revision No. 1 was issued on 25 February, 2000 with a particular focus on Swaziland, and reflecting a revised total budget of CHF 4,667,312. With the situation in the region continuing to worsen, revision no. 2 of Appeal 04/2000 including Zimbabwe was issued on 2 March, 2000, reflecting a total revised budget of CHF 11,346,464.

Despite weather conditions which continue to inhibit the delivery of relief and assistance to the region, the Federation's support to the respective National Societies is being effectively carried out. The Red Cross and Red Crescent assessment teams will be initiating their activities in the coming week to consider the longer-term rehabilitation needs. The Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Didier Cherpitel, is currently in Mozambique for a two-day visit. After witnessing the work of the Mozambique Red Cross, Mr. Cherpitel is holding high level talks with the Mozambique government, together with the Secretary General of the Mozambique Red Cross, Ferdinand Teixeira.

The context

The two cyclones which hit southeastern Africa produced heavy rains and strong winds throughout the region, causing overflowing rivers and pressure on dams, and resulting in widespread flooding in large areas of Mozambique, Swaziland, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. Over two million people were estimated to be affected throughout the region. Main road and rail lines were severed, with widespread damage to other infrastructure. Cultivated land was destroyed, causing fears that severe food shortages will occur in the longer term. In each of the affected countries, the Federation is coordinating the relief response with the respective National Societies, as well as with UN agencies and NGOs.

The first priority in the affected countries was to rescue marooned people, then to provide basic relief assistance. To respond to the disaster and to support the Mozambican Red Cross Society (MRCS or CVM) and the Botswana Red Cross (BRC), the Federation launched an appeal on February 11, and later extended it to Swaziland and Zimbabwe following a dramatic expansion of the affected area.

Latest events

Mozambique •

Rains over the past week have setback the assistance operation. Rivers which had started to recede (the Maputo, Umbeluzi, Incomati, Limpopo, Save, Buzi, Pungue and Messalo) once again threatened to flood, and main roads which had been repaired were cut once again, affecting relief item distributions. Flooding of the Limpopo river, which is the worst in 70 years, is again expected to peak in Chokwe and in the lower Limpopo valley. The already difficult situation in Maputo province, the area affected for the longest period of time, is deteriorating, with access only possible by air.

The Chicamba Dam gates, which had been opened by the authorities, are now closed and water levels are reportedly dropping again. Flooding of the Buzi river resulted in roads being cut off again, forcing people who had gone home to return to the accommodation centres. The MRCS and the Federation assisted close to 500 families to evacuate from Buzi to Guaranguara, in co-operation with the MoH. Food and tents have been transported to this area by boat, and distribution is being arranged. New arrivals to the area are being reported but are not yet confirmed, and there are also reports of a number of people (estimated between 1,000 to 9,000) having gathered at a vacant factory in Buzi. The water levels of the Save River basin also continue to cause concern, and threaten Machanga with renewed flooding. The District Administrator estimates that up to 10,000 people have not yet been assisted, but a Hovercraft provided by HoverAid has now arrived at the site and should facilitate access to areas where sand banks are preventing boats from reaching. WFP has supplied food to areas along the Buzi River, and are concentrating on deliveries to Buzi town.

In Tete Province a state of emergency remains in the districts of Zumbo and Magie.

In the far north of Cabo Delgado Province, 5 districts (Palma, Mueda, Nangade, Mocimboa de Praia, and Miudumbe) have been cut off by the rise of the Messala river.

The Government has strongly encouraged populations throughout the country to seek out and remain in higher areas. Simultaneously the massive air support provided after the heavy flooding in mid February is being scaled down. British helicopters are departing, and helicopters provided by Germany are expected to be relocated soon. Further air deliveries will depend on South African and American-provided helicopters. It is estimated that 1.2 million people are affected by the floods, 463,000 of whom are being assisted. Many have sought temporary shelter in over 120 accommodation centres. In Gaza Province, 28,581 families (171,435 people) are still sheltered in 24 accommodation centres. Of these centres, Chaquelane is by far the largest with over 65,000 people who are being assisted by 9 organisations, including the Red Cross and Red Crescent (the MRCS, IFRC, and the Spanish Red Cross), MSF, SFC, WFP, and Caritas.

Recovery of corpses continues throughout the province and groups of people who have been completely isolated for long periods continue to be discovered by aerial reconnaissance and are in urgent need of food, water and medicines.

Swaziland •

During the past week Swaziland has experienced very heavy rains which have affected distributions and caused more damage to homes, crops, and roads. The Hhohho region, which was the worst hit during the initial floods, received a moderate amount of rain, while the Lubombo Region in the eastern part of the country neighbouring Mozambique received heavy rains. Lubombo Region is now considered to be the worst hit region in the country.

The rivers in the Lubombo Region flooded between 16 to 20 March. About 2/3 of the population were unable to receive relief supplies because of the flooding. Homesteads in Mafucula, Tsambokhulu, Tigodzini and Shewula have been damaged by water, and many structures are on the verge of collapse.

A country wide assessment being conducted by both government and NGO personnel, including the Red Cross, will determine the number of affected communities and their needs.

Zimbabwe •

In Zimbabwe, the situation remains critical in some areas, especially where accessibility is still difficult. The fuel crisis remains a problem in the country, and the use of helicopters is limited to rescuing marooned victims, and are not available for the current food and non-food relief.

Zambia •

Following the opening of the spill gates at the Kariba Dam, areas in the lower Zambezi (Siavonga, Chiawa and Luangwa), were affected by floods. Unconfirmed initial reports indicate that more than 7,000 people had been affected by the floods in Luangwa alone. A rapid Red Cross assessment team sent to Luangwa established that the affected villages had a combined population of about 5,000 people. The assessment further concluded that less than 10% of the population lost their homes. Most of the fields in the affected areas were washed away and water wells were flooded leading to very poor sanitary conditions. The Zambia Red Cross has provided 60 boxes of water treatment chemicals and 36 rolls of plastic sheeting for shelter to those made homeless, as well as 150 blankets, 900 plates, and 150 buckets. The Government has provided food while UNICEF has conducted an assessment on the health facilities in the area.

Malawi •

In Malawi, heavy rains occurred on 12 and 13 March, causing the Lalanje and Thangadzi rivers to overflow in Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts. The flooding of areas around Ngabu trading centre (which lies about 40 km to the south of Chikwawa District) and Mbenje and Bangula areas in Nsanje (100 km from Blantyre), resulted in extensive damage to property and crops. In both districts the fear of an outbreak of waterborne diseases is high.

Assessment for both districts was carried out jointly by the Red Cross Action Team members, and the Police and District Commissioners offices. The total number of affected people is estimated at 7,700. In Chikwawa District, six villages were affected, with a total of 433 families made homeless. The victims are being hosted at a nearby school block at Mwananjovu. In Nsanje District, eleven villages are affected, and the 1,035 homeless families are being accommodated at Mbenje, Bangula and Mlolo school blocks.

There is an immediate need for Red Cross assistance, with no other agency yet operational. Urgent needs are plastic sheeting for temporary shelters, tents, blankets, clothes and water purification tablets.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Mozambique •

MRCS staff continue to be involved in sector co-ordination work. The shelter group has produced a proposal for the resettlement of displaced people, and an appeal of US\$ 15.5 million for resettlement assistance for 70,000 families has been launched. The Ministry of Health has published a preliminary countrywide assessment and a plan of emergency assistance to the central and southern regions of Mozambique, and measures have been introduced to control activities in the health sector. The MRCS and the Federation are among the 19 organisations which have received credentials from the Ministry of Health to provide assistance, but only the Red Cross has countrywide access.

Maputo City

In Catembe District where the MRCS is already active, there are 16 trained volunteers. The local Red Cross is managing the Health Centre where the 185 families accommodated at 5 temporary centres are being treated. On the average 90 people seek daily help, with malaria and diarrhoea being the most frequently treated diseases. Currently, the Red Cross volunteers are involved in health education and chlorination of water. While cholera outbreaks have been contained, two cholera wards have been established at city hospitals in case the need arises. The City Council has requested the MRCS to construct 300 latrines in the area of Magoanine where the MRCS has been operational since January.

Maputo Province

Due to a scarcity of firewood, food is only being cooked once a day in some accommodation centres. In Boane, police intervention was necessary to maintain security when food deliveries arrived. In Moamba, Red Cross volunteers are engaged in the prevention campaign against malaria, diarrhoea and other health risks. In Manica District, Red Cross volunteers are carrying out health education, and the MRCS plans to install tents for ORS treatment.

Gaza Province

Access to the Save river valley is currently impossible, and in the Limpopo valley the planned MRCS and Federation distributions for Macia and Chaquelane have had to be postponed until Friday (24 March). In Xai Xai, 4,506 people have sought refuge in 5 accommodation centres (figures as of 20 March). A group of 367 as yet unassisted flood refugees were discovered on a beach in Xai Xai. The Federation and MRCS staff and volunteers continue to support accommodation centres in the Limpopo Valley, assisting with health education, water and sanitation, and relief item distribution. On Friday, 18 March, the MRCS Secretary General visited the lower Limpopo to assess the situation and to strengthen the Red Cross response and capacity. Nineteen Red Cross volunteers are currently working in Chaquelane. Over 150 malnourished children are receiving care at the mobile Red Cross hospital. Information that a new flood wave was expected in Chokwe prompted preparations for a possible evacuation of Red Cross staff and volunteers (as of 20 March). Local authorities are still maintaining the alert in the area and continue to seek to convince the dislocated population that it is still too early to return to their places of origin.

The Federation carried out a visit on 17 March to Guija where 60,000 people are isolated, cut off from Chokwe. Based on the information collected from local authorities, a helicopter distribution, effectively assisted by 17 local Red Cross volunteers, was carried out to bring assistance to the most vulnerable population. Guija is one of the areas in the Limpopo valley which has received limited attention, but it is now one of the MRCS priority flood rehabilitation districts.

In Chibuto 10,303 people are located in 4 accommodation centres, assisted by the German Red Cross. Training is being provided to volunteers in the handling of four rubber boats.

Inhambane Province

Planned activities have been severely hampered by a lack of access due to the rains, with the towns of Maxixe and Inhambane now affected as well. Efforts are underway to transport relief supplies by air from Beira, particularly to Govuro district. At the moment the provincial secretary and the provincial health officer are assessing the situation in Funhalouro district.

Sofala Province

The provincial delegation has recruited a nurse to assist the health officer during the floods operation. Currently, 150 MRCS volunteers are active in 11 districts. Twelve accommodation centres have been established for approximately 10,000 evacuees. Training of an additional 20 volunteers is planned in Chibava, one of three flood affected districts with 9,000 dislocated people. Two MRCS volunteers are assisting at the Guaraguara accommodation centre in Buzi district. In Machanga District, 20 new volunteers have been trained. Some 5,000 people have fled the floods in Machanga, and are staying in Save. The CVM Beira branch carried out an assessment in Estaquina, and relief deliveries are planned to 1,000 families in Machanga. The CVM received two boats (with two trainers and volunteers) to carry out the operation in Buzi. The second and final round of distributions to Machanga will be

completed by the end of this week. Additionally, the following commodities were transported for communities located around Estaquina:

Destination: Machanga:

- Family Tents: 118
- Blankets: 3,000
- Plastic Rolls (DFID): 200
- Soap 40 Boxes
- Jerry Cans 500
- Puritabs 2 Boxes

Destination: Estaquina (Buzi R.)

- Family Tents 122
- Hygiene Kits 125
- Blankets 3240
- Jerry Cans 224
- Puritabs 24 boxes
- Cooking sets 125
- Soap 425
- BP5 199 Boxes

Tete Province

The provincial health officer has provided refresher training in emergency first aid to Mutarrara as part of the province's disaster preparedness activities.

Manica Province

The air strip recently identified at Machazi still needs clearing before use. The German airforce is considering positioning a fixed wing aircraft to supply Manica Province. The MRCS provincial delegation is participating in the drafting of an action plan with the INGC for approval by the Governor. Reports indicate that some areas such as Tacata in Mossurize District with an estimated 2,700 people are without assistance, and remain inaccessible. Initial assessment reports indicate that 668 houses have been destroyed, 3,600 people left homeless, and 27,600 need food aid. There are 60 Red Cross volunteers in the province. The Beira sub-delegation and the CVM are planning to provide shelter to 400 families in Manica (via Zimbabwe). The Federation's sub-delegation has committed to providing the following seeds and tools:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number of Families</u>
Mashanga Town	2,470
Bandua (Buzi)	2,000
Nharangue (Buzi)	530

Botswana •

Operational constraints (delays in funding transfers) have been resolved, and the implementation of the National Societies plan of action will start immediately.

Swaziland •

With funds transferred from the Federation, the National Society has purchased 87 bags of maize, 20 bags of sugar beans, 174 bars of soap, and 600 blankets. The Society also received 100 tents from the Swiss Red Cross. Distribution of these items has been disrupted by the recent rains. In the Lubombo Region, distributions were limited to one quarter of Mafucula due to the flooded rivers.

In association with the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross, the Regional Secretary for Lubombo Region have launched an appeal for food, cash, clothing and blankets on behalf of the Mafucula, Tsambokhulu and Shewula communities. Taiwan also donated 50 cartons of used clothing to assist the four affected regions.

As a result of the Training Of Trainers workshop for Red Cross staff, eight Red Cross officers have now trained over 200 personnel from both the NGO and government sector in four affected regions. These trained personnel are now conducting the country wide assessment which started on 20 March.

Despite logistics constraints caused by the ongoing rains, the Red Cross Disaster Response Teams distributed the following:

Commodities	In-stock	Distributed	Balance	No. of Beneficiaries
Beans	20	20	0	1,000
Maize	87	87	0	1,500
Soap	174	94	80	564
Blankets	600	362	240	1,810
Tents	100	55	45	330

Zimbabwe •

The lack of fuel is making the transport of goods to the provinces difficult, and prevents the collection of local donations in cash and kind. However, items previously stored at the Red Cross national headquarters warehouse have been forwarded to the affected provinces. The Civil Protection Unit provided three 7-mt trucks, in addition to the twelve mt truck made available by the ICRC. Swift Transport, a public company, transported twenty tons of mealie-meal and five tons of white sugar to Matabeleland South and Masvingo Provinces. In addition, Zim Bank donated food items worth approximately CHF 21,600 CHF directly to the provinces.

Due to a lack of access, provinces have not been in a position to give precise figures of the target beneficiaries. Volunteers continue to carry out registration, distribution, health education, and reconstruction assistance activities. Matabeleland South is being assisted by 44 Red Cross volunteers, and 57 new volunteers have been trained. Masvingo is currently being assisted by 23 volunteers, with 25 new volunteers recruited.

The following table gives an overview of distributions by province.

Zimbabwe: Distribution of food items

Province	Mealie meal kgs	Cooking oil kgs	Biscuits ctns	Salt kgs
Matabeleland	7,755		381	
Masvingo	262.5	298	2,511	175
Manicaland	2,500			

Zimbabwe : Distribution of non-food items

Province	Blankets pcs	Plastic Sheeting metres	Used clothing Assorted (boxes)
Matabeleland	16,625	630	30
Masvingo	104	260	
Manicaland			

An aircraft chartered from the Swiss Red Cross arrived last week, transporting more than 23 tons of relief items. In addition, a British consignment is due to arrive between the 22-24 March with 10,000 kitchen sets, 10,000 pieces of soap, 10,000 jerry cans, 1 million water purification tablets, and 100 tents. The Federation has secured a warehouse to temporarily store these items.

Regional Delegation, Harare •

The Federation's Regional Delegation in Harare (RDH) has provided telecommunications support to the operation in Mozambique.

Three Red Cross teams are being set up to assess the needs and capacity for the rehabilitation phase in the affected countries, and to support the National Societies concerned. The teams are comprised of participants from PNS, ONS and the Regional Delegation, and are now meeting in the respective areas to initiate the assessments covering health, water/sanitation, needs for non-food items, agricultural rehabilitation (provision of seeds and tools) and reconstruction needs (repairing/reconstruction of infrastructure and shelters). Community disaster preparedness as well as the need for capacity building in the National Societies will also be reviewed. Based on the assessments a Regional Rehabilitation Plan, linked to the Country and Regional Assistance Strategies and Strategic Plans of the National Societies, will be produced and issued by April together with a revised appeal.

Outstanding needs

Swaziland •

With the continued heavy rain, there is an increased need for further relief supplies for some of the worst hit areas in the Lubombo Region, with some 8,500 persons affected. Approximately 50 mt of maize grain, 2 mt of beans, and 5 tons of high energy protein supplement foods for malnourished children, and pregnant and lactating women are required.

Malawi •

The Malawi Red Cross Society is in need of the following items to assist the people displaced by the floods:

- 14,680 metres of plastic sheeting
- 2,500 blankets
- used clothes (a total of 12 bales: 4 for men, 4 for women, and 4 for children)
- 10 cartons of water purification tablets

The Regional Delegation in Harare will provide the items above from DP stock. Donations for replacement of this stock is needed.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

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DONOR	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----- ----->			11,346,464		77.9%
ANDORRA - PRIVATE			9,604	03.08.2000	
AUSTRIA - RC	1,500,000	ATS	175,665	02.24.2000	MOZ/BOTS (Rehabilitation)
AUSTRALIA - RC	250,000	AUD	261,900	03.20.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
BRITISH - GOVT/RC	228,000	GBP	590,520	17.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE - relief supplies
BRITISH - RC	100,000	GBP	259,000	03.08.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
BRITISH - RC	100,000	GBP	259,000	03.10.2000	MOZAMBIQUE - NON-COSTS
BRITISH - RC	100,000	GBP	259,000	03.10.2000	ZIMBABWE - NON-COSTS
BRITISH - PRIVATE			26	03.10.2000	
CANADA - RC	50,000	CAD	54,235	02.28.2000	MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWAN
CANADA - GOVT/RC	275,000	CAD	275,000	03.03.2000	MOZ/SWAZ/ZIMBABWE
CHINA - GOVT/RC	20,000	USD	31,480	03.03.2000	ZIMBABWE
CHINA - GOVT/RC	10,000	USD	15,740	03.03.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
DENMARK - RC			64,950	18.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
DENMARK - GOVT/RC	3,900,000	DKK	844,350	03.22.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
FINLAND - GOVT/RC	50,456	EUR	81,310	02.28.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
FINLAND - RC	33,637	EUR	54,206	02.28.2000	
FRANCE - RC	150,000	FRF	36,870	03.24.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
HUNGARY - GOVT/RC	3,000,000	HUF	18,969	03.09.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
ICELAND - RC	1,000,000	ISK	21,895	14.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
IRELAND - RC	20,000	IEP	40,940	03.01.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
JAPAN - RC			154,000	03.02.2000	
KUWAIT - RC	200,000	USD	314,800	02.11.2000	
KOREAN REP - RC			12,700	03.03.2000	
KOREAN REP - RC/PRIVATE			7,300	03.03.2000	
LIECHTENSTEIN - RC			150,000	03.10.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
MALAYSIA - PRIVATE			456	02.08.2000	
MONACO - RC	200,000	FRF	49,160	03.03.2000	
NORWAY - GOVT/RC	3,000,000	NOK	593,925	23.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWAN
NORWAY - GOVT/RC	1,980,000	NOK	391,992	03.02.2000	
NORWAY - RC	220,000	NOK	43,554	03.02.2000	

OPEC FUND	200,000	USD	314,800	25.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
SWEDEN - GOVT/RC	1,250,000	SEK	233,375	15.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
SWEDEN - RC	2,250,000	SEK	420,075	03.03.2000	
SWISS-PRIVATE (WHO STAFF)			2,500	03.03.2000	MOZ/BOT/SWAZ MEDICAL & F
SWITZERLAND - RC			100,000	03.09.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
SWITZERLAND - PRIVATE			33,760	03.20.2000	
TURKEY - RC	20,000	USD	31,480	03.20.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
AMERICAN - GOVT/MISSION	25,000	USD	39,350	03.06.2000	ZIMBABWE
AMERICAN - PRIVATE(FORD FOUNDATION)	100,000	USD	157,400	03.15.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
AMERICAN - GOVT	25,000	USD	39,350	03.01.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
AMERICAN - RC	100,000	USD	157,400	02.24.2000	MOZAMBIQUE
AMERICAN - RC	75,000	USD	117,750	02.24.2000	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH			6,719,787	CHF	59.2%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
BELGIUM - RC	350,000	BEF	13,981	03.01.2000	500 PLASTIC SHEETING
BRITISH-RC/GOVT	166,493	USD	271,425	02.17.2000	408 TENTS - MOZAMBIQUE
BRITISH-RC/GOVT	17,000	GBP	44,283	02.17.2000	RELIEF DELEGATE - MOZAMB
BRITISH - RC			410,750	03.10.2000	MOZAMBIQUE - TENTS, KIT: CANS, AQUATABS AND SOAP
BRITISH - RC			406,500	03.10.2000	ZIMBABWE - TENTS, KITS, CANS, AQUATABS AND SOAP
CANADA - GOVT/RC	110,961	CAD	120,359	03.10.2000	VARIOUS SUPPLIES - MOZAME
FRANCE - RC	357,773	FRF	87,941	03.24.2000	MOZAMBIQUE - PLASTIC SHE TANKS, WATER KITS, WH TRANSPORTATION
NETHERLANDS - RC	111,650	NLG	81,679	03.02.2000	MOZAMBIQUE - BLANKETS, COOKING SETS, JERRY CAN BUCKETS
NETHERLANDS - RC	217,650	NLG	159,225	03.02.2000	ZIMBABWE - BLANKETS, S' SHEETING, COOKING SETS, SOAP AND BUCKETS
SPANISH RC	1,810,100	ESP	17,538	02.17.2000	2300 BLANKETS - MOZAMBIQ
SPANISH RC	3,100,000	ESP	30,035	02.17.2000	500 KITCHEN SETS - MOZAMB
GERMAN RC/GOVT				02.16.2000	TENTS - BOTSWANA
GERMAN RC/GOVT				02.16.2000	BLANKETS - BOTSWANA
AMERICAN - RC	304,077	USD	478,617	02.24.2000	5000 COLLAPSIBLE WATER 5000 CLEAN-UP KITS, 261 SHIPPING
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES			2,122,333	CHF	18.7%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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SPANISH RC	6,500,000	ESP	62,978	02/17/00	100 TENTS - MOZAMBIQUE
SPANISH RC	10,825,000	ESP	104,883	02/17/00	4 WATER MOBILE PLANTS - M
SPANISH RC	793,500	ESP	7,688	02/17/00	2300 JERRY CANS - MOZ
AMERICAN - RC	25,000	USD	39,250	02.24.2000	SOUTH AFRICA
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED			214,799	CHF	
