

CYCLONE IDAI SITUATIONAL REPORT AS AT 19TH MARCH 2019

Summary

Tropical Cyclone Idai Disaster which made landfall on the 15th of March 2019 has resulted in injuries, loss of life and severe destruction to critical infrastructure (health, education, water and sanitation, electricity and shelter) . Its impact left an unprecedented trail of destruction with Manicaland province suffering the severest brunt followed by Masvingo and Mashonaland East provinces. As at 19 March 2019, the impacts are as follows:-

Deaths: 104

Injured: 110

Marooned: 45

Missing: 180

Displaced: 2213 people and 14 households

Critically ill: 19

Hospitalised: 4

Berried: 44

Situation overview

The cyclone damaged bridges along the direct route to the hotspots of Ngangu, St Charles Luwanga, Copper Growth Point and Chikukwa in Chimanimani District. The damaged bridges are Mhandarume, Matsororo, Mvumvumvu, Biriri, Muusha Primary School and Nyahode. The effect of these damages is that, communities are now cut off from accessing essential

services. Equally affected are the Boarding Schools such as Mutambara High, Lydia Chimonyo, Biriiri High, St Charles Luwanga, Chimanimani Junior and Rusitu Mission. Affected hospitals are Mutambara, Biriri Rural Hospital, Ngangu Clinic, Tilbury Clinic, Rusitu Mission Hospital and Nyahode Clinic and other commercial related activities. A total of 42 people disaggregated as 13 from ZCDC, 15 Dhombera and 9 in Ndiadzo near Copper area. Efforts to rescue them out are being mounted by our rescue team being led by the Zimbabwe Defence Forces.

The situation in Chimanimani is being further worsened by absence of electricity which has compromised communication systems and bad weather thereby hampering rescue effort by the Air force of Zimbabwe. Currently, efforts are being directed towards an alternative route from Mutare-Tanganda-Jopa-Skyline –Charter-Ngangu. Earth moving equipment has been mobilized from government and private sector players in this endeavour. The prioritised roads will make it possible for all supplies to reach all the hotspots of Ngangu, Chimanimani Hotel, Chikukwa and Copper in Rusitu Valley.

Chipinge has equally bore the brunt of the effects of Cyclone Idai Disaster. In summary the Provincial statistics are shown on the tables below:

Manicaland Province

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE

DISTRICT	DEATHS	MISSING	INJURED	MAROONED	DISPLACED	BURIED	CRITICALLY ILL	HOSPITALIZED
BUHERA	1	0	2	0	14 households			
CHIMANIMA	89	164	106	42	150 people	44	19	4

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CHIPINGE	4	2	2	3	300 people			
MAKONI	1	0	0	0	0			
MUTARE RURAL	1	0	0	0	63 people			
MUTARE URBAN	0	0	0	0	16 people			
MUTASA	0	0	0	0	4 people			
NYANGA	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS	102	180	108	45	2213 pple & 14 hh	44	19	4

DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE BY TROPICAL CYCLONE IDAI IN MANICALAND PROVINCE

DISTRICT	DESTROYED HOUSES	PARTIALLY DEDTROYED	BRIDGES	DETAILS	OTHER INFRASTRU
BUHERA	360	0	1	Nyadi,	4 X SCHS
CHIMANIMANI	691	0	7	Umvumvumu, Biririri, Muusha, Silverstream, Charter, Lydia Chimonyo, Matsororo	95% of road s culverts
CHIPINGE	234	0	1	Tanganda	
MAKONI	1	0	1	Cuseway	2 blair toilets
MUTARE RUR	139	78	0		
MUTARE URB	16	43	0		
MUTASA	11		0		4 toilets
NYANGA	0		0		
TOTALS	1452		11		

Unlike the desperate situation in Chimanimani, services have been restored especially the 33KVA Electricity line that feeds Chipinge Town and critical facilities. In response to the desperate situation in Chimanimani and other affected areas the Ministerial teams and officials identified 7 priority areas.

PRIORITY NUMBER	ACTION
1) Opening of routes to the affected areas by road and air so that supplies can reach the affected people	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development continues to prioritize the roads and bridges leading to the epicenters of the disaster in Chimanimani District. Ministry of Defence and War Veterans Affairs continues to clear the roads and intensify rescue operations.
2) Restoration of water supplies to all institutions and productive sectors	There is urgent need to restore water supplies to educational institutions, health institutions, farming and productive sectors by the Ministries of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement and Energy and Power Development.
3) Food supplies	We have been receiving food from Government, the First Lady and other well wishers. All these are now stuck in Mutare due to accessibility challenges. Government continues to appeal for more food given the magnitude of the food insecurity amongst the affected.
4) Restoration of medical supplies	Although the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare has prepositioned medical supplies for Mutambara and Chipinge Hospitals, there is urgent need to airlift some of the medical supplies particularly to Ngangu Primary School and Chimanimani Hotel, which are the temporary shelters for the affected families.
5) Restoration of electricity supplies	The restoration of the 33kv line which supplies Chipinge and Chimanimani from Middle Sabi (Chipangayi).
6) Restoration of	The Government remains indebted to the people of Chimanimani District and the

communication networks	Honourable MP for Chimanimani East, Cde J. Sacco for the information they provided on the effects of Cyclone Idai on the people and infrastructure. Communication remains an area grossly affected by the absence of electricity rendering the cellular network non functional which we greatly depend on.
7) Burial of the Deceased.	Government undertakes to provide funeral and medical assistance in terms of the enabling Act. There is urgent need to expedite the burial arrangements considering that the dead are not in mortuaries. \$200 000 has been released to assisting burial of the deceased.

Whilst the teams are focusing on the epicentre of Chimanimani and Chipinge, the National Civil Protection Command Centre is focusing on receiving information from other affected provinces as shown by the table below:

1. MASVINGO PROVINCE

District	Wards	Cumulative HH affected	Deaths	Injured	Missing	No of Houses Damaged	Infrastructure Damaged	Requirements
Bikita	8	13	2 Children	0	0	4	0	Tents, food Funeral assistance
Masvingo		61	0	0	0	61	Mutimurefu prison cells partially damaged	
	32	10						Food and Shelter

Gutu		108	0	2 children due to collapsed dwelling unit	0	108	0	30 households need tents
Zaka	13, 15, 18, 33, 34	100	0		0	Not yet compiled		

2. MASHONALAND EAST

District	Wards	Cumulative HH affected	Deaths	Injured	Homeless	Missing	No of Houses Damaged	Infrastructure Damaged	Requirements
Chikomba	17,			0	181	0	20	Bridges and roads damaged rendered impassable	Suitable vehicles for conducting rapid damage assessments
	26						23		Food and Shelter
	19						14		Food and

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	25						11		Food and Shelter

The Ministerial Assessment team was on the ground to further analyse the situation.

5. HYDROLOGICAL UPDATE AS AT 18/03/2019

River flows

According to the Zimbabwe National Water Authority, there has been a rapid increase in river flows due to the cyclone induced rainfall. The flows are currently high and above the average at this time of the year. High potential for new flooding incidents is in Middle Sabi and Muzarabani due to the incoming high flows. The table below highlights the current trends in the main rivers in the affected areas.

Table 1: Current flow trends in major rivers in the Country

River	Site	18/03/2019	15/03/2019	Normal at this time	Comments
Save	Save Gorge	581m ³ /s	31.8m ³ /s	174m ³ /s	Sharp increase in flows in the period.

Odzi	Odzi Gorge	707m ³ /s	3.6m ³ /s	69.1m ³ /s	Increased rapidly since 15 March 2019 and peaked on 16 March 2019 at 2702 m ³ /s. Potential for new floods in Middle Sabi
Runde	Confluence with Tokwe	1.29m ³ /s	0.704m ³ /s	168.4m ³ /s	Slight increase in flows so far recorded.
Devure	Chisurgwe	286 m ³ /s	1.53 m ³ /s	59 m ³ /s	Peaked on 17 March 2019 at 797 m ³ /s but now decreasing.
Pungwe	Katiyo	1.6m	0.67m	2.53m	Significant increase in water levels has been noted during the period.
Musengezi	Centenary	3.6m	3.5m	2.5m	Flows are increasing slight but potential for flooding remain high.
Mzingwane	Limpopo	0.04m	0.1m	1.5m	The levels are decreasing and are below the average expected at this time of the year.
Mazowe	Mazowe Bridge	286 m ³ /s	3.36 m ³ /s	130.5 m ³ /s	Sharp rise in flows during the period

6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019:

ALL AREAS

According to the Meteorological Services Department, sunny conditions to be experienced with chances of isolated afternoon thundershowers in all **Mashonaland and Manicaland** provinces. It should start off mild in the morning becoming hot in the afternoon.