



TROPICAL CYCLONE IDAI SITUATION REPORT AS AT 27

MARCH 2019

1. Summary

Impact on Human population - the disaster resulted in loss of human lives, injuries, missing persons and bodies buried by landslides. In all areas affected (Manicaland, Masvingo, Mashonaland East and Midlands), a total of 187 deaths were recorded and 192 injuries of which 38 of these were reported to be severe and 330 missing persons. Search and rescue efforts were projected to continue for the next two months as there were painstaking efforts to retrieve bodies buried in mud and under rock boulders. A total of 7 358 adults and 3 500 children were displaced. A total of 50 000 people require food aid.

Access in to the affected areas has improved following the clearing of road from Chipinge to Chimanimani Town. Weather conditions continue to improve despite some intermittent rainfall in the affected areas. Search and rescue efforts are underway albeit difficult conditions. The team from South Africa arrived with sniffer dogs to assist with search and rescue in Chimanimani.

2.0 SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMITTEE

2.1 Search and Rescue Operations

Search and rescue operations are continuing and we are now in the 2nd phase of searching for missing people. The affected areas have been divided into 3 sectors, where each team will conduct searches in their areas of responsibility.

Zimbabwe Defence Forces and the team from South Africa are conducting searches with sniffer dogs. In Ngangu and Rusitu the search is becoming difficult due to large rocks that fell on areas which are suspected to have been habited by the people. Excavators have also been deployed to the affected areas to speed up the search and rescue operations. The Department of Civil Protection sent 185 body bags.

2.2 Summary for Manicaland

DISTRICT	DEATHS	BURIED	MISSING	INJURED	MAROONED	DISPLACED
BUHERA	1	1	0	6	0	2920
CHIMANIMANI	169	165	328	164	0	11255
CHIPINGE	6	6	2	2	0	3660
MAKONI	1	1	0	0	0	325
MUTARE RURAL	4	4	0	2	0	2875
MUTARE URBAN	0	0	0	0	0	155
MUTASA	0	0	0	1	0	1000
TOTALS	181	177	330	175	0	21940

Distribution points were established in the following areas, Mashonjowa, Chipinge, Silver stream. Other planned Food Distribution Points include Rusitu, Machongwe and Chimanimani Urban. However, Mashonjowa Food Distribution Point will be closed soon after dispatching the food and non-food items.

There were no changes in Masvingo Province, the statistics remained at:

Masvingo

Affected households: 5257
 Completely displaced Households: 511
 Deaths: 5
 Injured: 17

Mashonaland East

Affected households: 200

**ZIMBABWE EVENING WEATHER REPORT AND FORECAST ISSUED AT
 1600 HRS WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2019 VALID UNTIL FRIDAY 29 MARCH
 2019.**

FORECAST FOR TOMORROW THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019

Meteorological Services Department indicated that Manicaland province will be cloudy and mild conditions expected with sunny breaks time and again. The rest of the country should be mostly sunny and hot, though brief morning cloud can be expected over Masvingo province.

These conditions can cause heat exhaustion and dehydration and the public is advised to put on wide brimmed hats when working in the open and drink adequate amounts of water.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019

Sunny and dry across much of the country is expected with mild conditions in the morning, becoming hot by afternoon then mild overnight once more.

