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NOTE

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Subject: Mozambique
- presentation by Save the Children

Following the COHAFA meeting of 5 April, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by Save the Children⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

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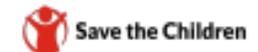
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**Save the
Children**

MOZAMBIQUE

- Total population is **31M**, of whom **16M (52%) are children**, and 66% is younger than 25 years.
- Ranks one of the lowest on HDI in the world: **180 out of 189**.
- Children in the most disadvantaged provinces of **Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Niassa and Zambézia** are 45 times more likely to be poor than rest of the country.
- Country affected annually by drought, floods and cyclones and ranks as the **fifth country in the world affected by extreme weather events**, and this will increase in the future.
- Humanitarian situation: **2.6M people in need of assistance**
 - 1.6M people are in need of support in the North
 - More than 1M people across other provinces, due to the cyclone, floods, cholera.
 - Humanitarian Response Plan: USD 650M (only about 10% funded)

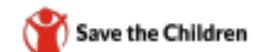


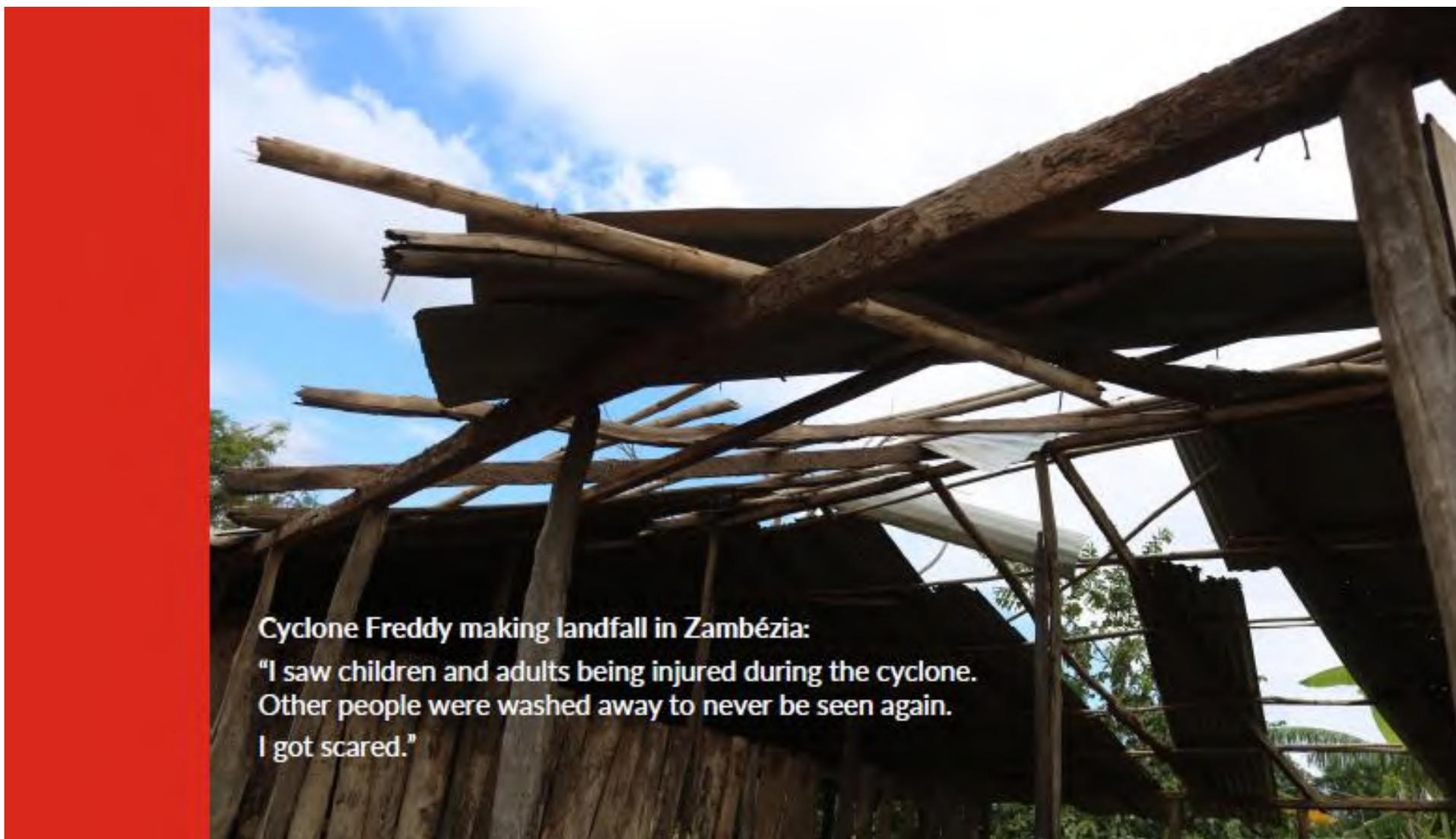
IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: floods, cyclones, cholera

2023 to date:

- 22,982 case of cholera, 101 deaths, in 7 provinces, 40 districts.
- Floods affecting the south of the country displaced 50K people
- Cyclone Freddy made landfall twice: 1.2M people affected, 183 deaths
 - 132,364 totally destroyed houses and 67,912 flooded houses
 - 123 health facilities destroyed
 - 13 water supply system destroyed, 164 boreholes destroyed
 - **2,549 classrooms were destroyed with 230,329 students affected**
 - 9 bridges destroyed
 - 4,334km of roads affected and 1,228km destroyed
 - 390,043 agricultural hectares lost

There are 126 active accommodation centers (AAC) all hosting 123,132 IDP.





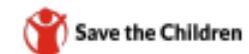
Cyclone Freddy making landfall in Zambézia:

**“I saw children and adults being injured during the cyclone.
Other people were washed away to never be seen again.
I got scared.”**

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Locations: Inhambane, Gaza, Zambezia, Tete

- Conduct rapid assessments (ongoing)
- Distribution of basic needs kits to vulnerable households
- Family tracing and reunification
- Mental health and psychosocial support at mobile child friendly spaces
- Documentation for IDP children
- Unconditional cash transfers to most vulnerable households
- Distribution of learning materials for students
- Open Temporary Learning Spaces to enable classes to recommence
- Provide teaching and learning materials
- Essential repair of classrooms or complete rehabilitation
- Seeds distribution to secure next planting season
- Distribution of water treatment tablets.

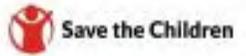






"Girls have told her that they prefer to sleep during the day to be able to run away at night if they are attacked; some reportedly also prefer not to go to school for the same reason".

- UNHCR Protection Assessment Report, Nov 2022

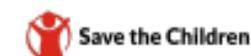


Conflict in the North: Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula

- Complex emergency: multiple actors and drivers.
- IDP settlements, but 70% of displaced population resides with host community.
- Girls are particularly vulnerable: child marriage increased by more than 50%.
- Gender based violence, women lack access to cash and income generation.
- Separated and unaccompanied children (3000).
- Reports on all 6 grave child rights violations (174 reports 2019-2021)
- Concerns about mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of the population – with critical service gaps.
- 180 schools were unable to open in the 2022 and 546,896 children are in need of educational assistance and support in 2023 (HRP).
- 390 schools were attacked in 2022 and many occupied by armed groups

Challenges

- Access, insecurity, acceptance
- Lack of future outlook
- Absence of systems and services
- Scarce resources



Save the Children reached more than 377,000 people in Cabo Delgado in 2022

Locations: Pemba, Metuge, Chiure, Montepuez, Mueda and Palma

Integrated child protection and education program

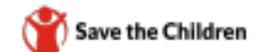
- Temporary learning spaces and child friendly centres
- Mental health and psychosocial support
- Teacher training, Catch-up classes
- Family tracing and reunification, case management
- CR Monitoring and CAAFAG programming
- Safe schools initiative

Food security, resilience and climate adaptation

- Village Savings and Loans
- Agricultural and Seed distribution, farmer training

Health, nutrition and WASH activities

Speaking out against child rights violations



Recommendations

- Address immediate needs of children and communities while staying focused on the mid- to-long term solutions that build resilience and peace.
- Implement the (AU) Kampala Convention for protection and assistance to IDPs and Durable Solutions Strategy.
- Protect children from (6 grave) child rights violations.
- Invest in education and peace building initiatives as part of lifesaving and protection of children and communities trapped in conflict.
- Mental health and psychosocial support are vital interventions.
- Centrality of Protection should be promoted in all humanitarian actions.
- Humanitarian access needs to be improved in the north of the province.

