

6- MONTH OPERATIONS UPDATE

Southwestern Indian Ocean (SWIO) | Tropical Cyclones

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Operation timeframe: 18 months (6/12/2024 to 30/06/2026) ¹	Number of people being assisted: 600,000
Funding requirements: CHF 6 million through the IFRC Secretariat Funding ask, and as part of the CHF 10 million Federation-wide funding ask	DREF amount initially allocated: Mozambique: CHF 1 million, Madagascar: CHF 500,000, Malawi: CHF 500,000, Comoros: CHF 500,000, Regional: CHF 250,000



The Mozambique Red Cross (CVM) supports households affected by Tropical Cyclone Jude in Nampula in March 2025. **Photo credit: Mozambique Red Cross Society**

Through this Ops Update, the SWIO Tropical Cyclones Regional EA is being extended by an additional 6 months until June 30, 2026. This extension is requested in order to allow National Societies and IFRC teams to maintain an adequate level of readiness throughout the 2025/2026 cyclone season. Moreover, it will also allow teams to finalise pending procurements and ensure operational support through the next cyclone season. This EA, which seeks CHF 6 million (Secretariat ask), is 51.5 per cent funded. Further funding contributions are needed to enable the National Societies in the region, with the support of the IFRC, to continue with the preparedness efforts and provide humanitarian assistance to communities across the SWIO sub-region.

¹ Including the 6-month no cost extension (NCE) through this Ops Update.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the crisis

Tropical cyclones (TC) and Storms:

The 2024-2025 cyclone season ended in May 2025, and it is estimated to be one of the most active seasons on record. According to data from Meteo France, the season is one of the 5 most active in the last 40 years and the top 3 in terms of cyclonic activity since 1987. Overall, the season had 13 named storms, 9 tropical cyclones, 6 intense tropical cyclones, and 1 very intense tropical cyclone. The intensity of this season was brought about by above-average sea surface temperatures in the western and central equatorial Indian Ocean². In Mozambique, this is the 5th consecutive year with at least one storm making landfall, and this is also unprecedented. In comparison to the overall forecast for the 2024-2025 season, the activity in the Mozambique channel was higher than anticipated. The major impact of season also came earlier than in past years (December with TC Chido).

From early December 2024 to March 2025, five main tropical cyclones/storms (from those noted above) impacted in the Southwestern Indian Ocean (SWIO) region: TC Chido, Dikeledi, Honde, Garace, and Jude, which affected 2.6 million people in Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Mayotte and La Reunion. Refer to Table 1 for the number of people affected by tropical cyclones and storms in each country or island, and Chart 1 for the total impact. Please note that these figures have been updated from the last OU.

Table 1: Number of people affected by Tropical Cyclones						
Country	Chido	Dikeledi	Garance	Honde	Jude	Total per Country
Comoros	64,167	-	-	-	-	64,167
Madagascar	-	6,926	-	99,890	15,000	121,816
Malawi	46,017	-	10,000	-	20,646	76,663
Mozambique	453,306	283,334	-	-	1,037,336	1,773,976
Mayotte	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
La Reunion	-	-	265,500	-	-	265,500
Total per Cyclone	863,490	290,260	275,500	99,890	1,072,982	2,602,122

Tropical Cyclone Chido also affected Mauritius, Seychelles, and Zimbabwe, but to a lesser degree.

TC Chido was the first cyclone and the most destructive of the season. Chido intensified into an intense tropical cyclone on 11 December 2024, achieving category 4 equivalent status with sustained winds of 220 km/h, gusts of up to 250 km/h, and an extreme central pressure of 929 hPa. As of 30 December 2024, TC Chido resulted in at least 172 confirmed deaths – 120 in Mozambique, 39 in Mayotte, and 13 in Malawi – and over 6,300 reported injuries³. TC Chido brought major devastation to the Island of Mayotte, particularly due to the many informal settlements that were impacted.

Subsequently, TC Dikeledi made landfall in northern Madagascar on 11 January 2025, affecting more than 7,000 people. The storm brought heavy rainfall to the northern regions of the country, resulting in damage to 1,000 houses⁴. Following its passage through Madagascar, Dikeledi struck Mozambique on 13 January 2025, affecting areas that had already been impacted by Cyclone Chido in December 2024. The cyclone primarily hit the coastal province of

² https://mausam.imd.gov.in/ClimateInformation/imdweb/CLIMATE_FCST/Bulletin/ENSO_IOD_Update_Bulletin.pdf

³ Mozambique: Intense Tropical Cyclone Chido - Flash Update No. 6, OCHA, As of 30 December 2024; Cyclone Chido has devastated Mayotte and Mozambique, 24 December 2024, [https://www.hi.org/en/news/cyclone-chido-has-devastated-mayotte-and-mozambique-;](https://www.hi.org/en/news/cyclone-chido-has-devastated-mayotte-and-mozambique-) Malawi country plan

⁴ Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone Dikeledi - Flash Update No. 3, OCHA, 15 January 2025

Nampula. As of 20 January 2025, preliminary data indicated that 31,898 houses sustained partial damage, while 24,101 houses were destroyed, resulting in 55,999 damaged shelters across the province⁵.

In late February 2025, two additional tropical storms, Moderate Tropical Storm Honde and Severe Tropical Storm Garance, developed in the Indian Ocean, increasing in strength to tropical cyclones. Intense rain and wind from Tropical Cyclone Honde struck southern Madagascar on 28 February 2025, causing widespread flooding. TC Honde followed a trajectory similar to Dikeledi, leading to a higher level of impact on the ground due to the previous rains and wind. On the same day, TC Garance made landfall in La Réunion, knocking out electricity and water for most of the island's residents. In La Reunion, red and purple alerts were activated in preparation for the landing. The TC left almost 47% of households with no power, and 46% with no access to drinking water.

Furthermore, a system emerged in the morning on 8 March 2024 over the Mozambique Channel, southwest of Nosy Be, after quickly crossing Madagascar. It evolved into a moderate tropical storm and was subsequently named Jude. In Madagascar, TC Jude led to 10,715 people affected in two main districts, Fort Dauphin and Amboasary. While TC Jude had lower levels of rain than previous systems, it still brought very intense wind. BNGRC deployed specific accommodation centers to support those that needed a place to take shelter. TC Jude made landfall in the Mossuril district of Nampula province, Mozambique, in the early hours of Monday, 10 March 2025. With sustained winds reaching 120 km/h and gusts peaking at 195 km/h, the tropical cyclone unleashed torrential rainfall exceeding 250 mm in a single day, accompanied by powerful winds that caused widespread devastation and flooding across the provinces of Nampula, Zambezia, Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Tete. According to the Multi-sectoral Needs Assessment (MIRA), finalised on March 17, more than 88,000 houses were either completely or partially destroyed. Being hit by a third cyclone in less than two weeks, TC Jude further worsened the needs and vulnerabilities in the north of the country. TC Jude entered Malawi on 10 March 2025, affecting 11 districts mainly in the Southern and Central regions of the country, with Phalombe district being the most impacted. According to DoDMA's report on 13 March, TC Jude affected 20,646 people, with 4,883 displaced in Malawi.

Floods: From January to June 2025, the flooding situation in Southeast Africa was severe, driven largely by the impact of tropical cyclones but also above-average rainfall, particularly in Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar, and parts of Zambia and Zimbabwe.

- More than 2,800 people from 780 households displaced due to the floods in Antananarivo in Madagascar in February 2025⁶.
- More than 41,900 households (approximately 188,540 people) have been affected by flooding and intense rains across Malawi. Floods particularly affected Southern and Central districts, with more than 1,100 households displaced in Mangochi District in late January, and 440 households displaced in Chikwawa District in late February. A total of 39 people lost their lives while 469 were injured. Karonga District in the Northern Region of Malawi received heavy rains in the month of March 2025 which led to flash floods affecting 7,740 persons (3,110M 4,320F).
- Within the reporting period around March, Malawi also experienced tropical cyclone Jude which affected around 10 districts some of which were also affected by TC Chido. The cyclone affected at least 32,692 people (792 households were displaced) 2 people lost their lives with 1 person missing due to boat capsizing while 10 people have sustained various injuries. Public infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, bridges and roads were damaged in some affected districts.
- Government of Malawi through Department of Disaster Management Affairs was coordinating and directing humanitarian actors in provision of relief and life-saving assistance to the affected population. In response to the government's call for support, UN Agencies, Malawi Red Cross Society, International and local Non-

⁵ DTM Tropical Cyclone Dikeledi, Nampula, Mozambique, Flash Update: 21 January 2025, IOM and INGO

⁶ DCC Africa-1 Disaster Preparedness and Response - Bulletin Flash n°2_FORTEPLUIE_17 Février 2025 - 17h30.pdf - All Documents

Governmental Organizations were responding by providing cash and in-kind support to the affected population through clusters.

- The situation exacerbated the vulnerability among communities as this was in the course of responding to TC Chido thereby putting more pressure on the limited resources.
- The Malawi Redcross Society through IFRC and Danish RC supported affected communities with anticipatory action where volunteers and NRTs were deployed prior to impact. Furthermore, around 2,340 households (10,530 people) were supported through cash and NFIs to ease off the burden among affected communities.
- Likewise, heavy rains were recorded in various locations in northern, central, and southern Mozambique since the end of the third week of February 2025. As a result, river levels continued to rise, leading to flooding in several areas of Namacurra and Maganja da Costa. The Mozambique Red Cross Society activated [Early Action Protocol \(EAP\)](#) for Floods on 21 February 2025, based on forecasts of severe flooding in the Licungo and Limpopo river basins.

These consecutive storms placed immense strain on response capacities, with many communities still grappling with the devastation left by the cyclones. The compounded impact has hindered response efforts, left thousands in prolonged displacement, and exacerbated pre-existing vulnerabilities such as food insecurity and health issues including ongoing cholera outbreaks. Electricity and telecommunications infrastructure were severely disrupted, isolating several communities in Madagascar and Mozambique.

Flooding continues to be a risk in the SWIO countries, affecting access to clean water, shelter, and essential services. The communities need shelter, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), food security, and healthcare.

Outlook for the 2025/2026 Cyclone season

The 2025/2026 cyclone season in Africa is forecasted to be marked by normal to above-normal rainfall for most areas. Forecasts indicate near- to above-normal cyclone activity, with an estimated 10–14 storms in total, of which 5–8 may reach tropical cyclone intensity. Most systems this season are forecast to develop in the far eastern part of the southern Indian Ocean (50–70% probability). Only a small number of storms are expected to form in the Mozambique Channel, with at most two anticipated this season. Systems are less likely to move directly west. Instead, most will probably follow a downward, parabolic track as they progress.

According to the latest consensus from the Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum (SARCOF-31), this outlook is driven by a projected transition from El Niño to a weak La Niña phase, which typically brings wetter conditions to southern Africa. The forecast highlights that between October and December 2025, most of southern Africa—including Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, and neighbouring countries—should expect favourable rainfall, except the western fringes of Namibia and some Indian Ocean islands (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles), which may see below-normal rainfall. From January to March 2026, the trend of normal to above-normal rainfall is expected to continue for most of the region.

Cyclone risk is expected to be heightened this season, especially for countries like Mozambique. The anticipated La Niña phase, while generally associated with increased rainfall, also raises the risk of flooding, waterlogging, and cyclones—particularly in flood-prone eastern regions. Authorities are urging communities to take early warnings seriously and to be prepared for possible evacuations, drawing lessons from past events such as Cyclone Idai. The forecast also notes that while La Niña typically brings more rain, outcomes can vary year to year, so continued monitoring and preparedness are essential.

Summary of response

Overview of the host National Societies' and ongoing response

The National Societies in the SWIO sub-region have extensive experience in managing natural hazards and public health crises. Their work centers on disaster preparedness, immediate response, and long-term recovery. Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers, integrated within communities, are trained in disaster preparedness and early warning systems (EWS). The National Societies operate warehouses with pre-positioned supplies. They have strong acceptance within affected communities and among national authorities, facilitating response and readiness efforts.

The National Societies play a vital role in mitigating the impact of cyclones through comprehensive preparedness, rapid response, and sustained recovery, saving lives and enhancing community resilience. Refer to [SWIO TC Operation Strategy \(MDRS1005\)](#), page #8-9 for National Societies' capacity.

During the reporting period, with the support from IFRC network, the National Societies reached out to more than **69,243 people** in Madagascar, Comoros, Malawi and Mozambique with at least one intervention, including shelter and essential household items (EHI), multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA), hygiene promotion and mental health and psychosocial support (MH PSS). Refer to Chart 2 for the Federation-wide people reached per sector and strategic sectors of intervention for the details.

In addition, more than **954,646 people** were reached through dissemination of early warning messages using various media such as mass awareness messaging using loudspeakers, household visits and early action activities such as evaluation in Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique.

Country-wise progress

Comoros

- Following the impact of Tropical Cyclone Chido in December 2024, which significantly affected several localities in Anjouan and Mohéli, the Comoros Red Crescent (CRCo) mobilised disaster response teams and conducted community awareness sessions in the most affected areas. Under the DREF CHIDO operation, the CRCo developed a country response plan, targeting both communities directly impacted and those at high risk of future cyclones. The National Society provided emergency kits to 100 households (approximately 600 people) who were severely affected by TC Chido (these kits have been replenished). Additionally, extensive community engagement and sensitisation activities have been implemented, aiming to reach around 61,152 people across 60 villages identified as either directly affected or at high cyclone risk. As of end of June, a total of 1,029 awareness sessions on WASH, PGI and PSEA have been organised, reaching 19,982 people. The CRCo has also reinforced the volunteers' capacities on shelter (PASSA training for 36 volunteers and 34 masons). In addition, 52 volunteers have been trained on WASH, 59 volunteers trained on EVCA and Early warning system, 48 volunteers on community engagement and accountability (CEA), 52 volunteers on PGI/PSEA and 9 volunteers on cash distribution. As planned, 60 CEA committees have been reactivated.

Madagascar

- Malagasy Red Cross Society has been, since the beginning of the season, active in readiness/anticipation activities and also in response activities through two coordinated sources of funding as part of the Federation-wide approach of the EA. The National Society's approach was to use the Locally-led Multi-Hazard Preparedness and Resilience Programme funded by FCDO through IFRC, mainly in the east areas where this programme is being implemented. For the other areas, the Malagasy Red Cross operated with Emergency Appeal funds. A total of 359 volunteers were mobilized to support the response to TC Chido.

- Between 12 and 31 December 2024, The Malagasy Red Cross with support of PIROI mobilized across the regions of Sava, Diana, and Sofia in response to Cyclone Chido, launching an early warning and evacuation awareness campaign in high-risk areas. Although national and regional operations centers were partially activated and preparations for emergency shelter management were put in place, the cyclone ultimately spared the regions significant impact, making shelter operations unnecessary. During this period, 262 volunteers were engaged, reaching 3,254 households and a total of 13,487 individuals, including 6,769 women and 6,718 men, who benefited from heightened awareness and readiness measures.
- In response to TC Dikeledi, the Malagasy Red Cross Society activated its Crisis Modifier under the Madagascar Locally-led Multi Hazard Preparedness and Resilience Program funded by FCDO through IFRC (as mentioned above) and rapidly deployed National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT/BDRT) alongside local governance structures to lead early warning and anticipatory actions. Between 6 and 31 January 2025, Malagasy Red Cross carried out key messaging across 16 districts in six regions (including Sava, Diana, Boeny, Menabe, Ambatosoa, and Atsimo Andrefana), reaching 93,755 people with early warning messages. Anticipatory measures such as canal cleaning and house reinforcement were implemented, and 105 households (559 individuals) were evacuated to four temporary shelter sites. A total of 975 volunteers supported the sensitization activities, while 17 supported shelter management. Additionally, 482 households have been assisted with kits WASH and 832 women with dignity kits in Diego and Ambilohe. As part of preparedness pillar, 25 volunteers have been trained on PASSA, 25 on WASH, 25 on CBHFA, 25 on PGI and CEA, and 25 on EVCA. The replenishment of WASH and dignity kits has been finalised.
- In response to the impact of TC Honde, the Malagasy Red Cross Society implemented anticipatory actions and emergency response activities in the regions of Atsimo Andrefana and Menabe with support from the Emergency Appeal as well. From 26 to 28 February 2025, Malagasy Red Cross Society conducted early warning sensitization campaigns in six fokontany of Toliara I and II, mobilising 119 Local Response Teams and four volunteers to raise awareness using visual alert codes (green, yellow, red) and community outreach tools such as megaphones and tam-tams. These efforts focused on cyclone preparedness and encouraging evacuations from risky to safe areas. Simultaneously, in Morondava (Menabe region), 53 volunteers responded to massive floods caused by the cyclone by managing ten emergency shelters, evacuating affected populations, and distributing essential food and hygiene kits. A total of 1,409 households (7,045 people) were assisted. From 12 to 19 April 2025, under the PPRM programme, CRISMO carried out a WASH kit distribution in response to Cyclone HONDE across five communes—Ankehiebe, Anketraka, Miary, Betsinjaka, and Belalanda—in the districts of Toliara I and II, Atsimo Andrefana region. Over three days, 500 WASH kits, each containing a bucket, two bars of soap, two bottles of Sur'Eau, and two jerrycans, were distributed to benefit 2,500 people. The operation involved not only kit delivery but also beneficiary sensitization sessions, coordination with local authorities, and interviews to gather feedback from affected communities. Between 18 and 21 March 2025, under the PPRM programme in Morondava, Menabe region, efforts were focused on draining stagnant water in the Fokontany of Ankisirasira Sud following Cyclone HONDE. A team of five workers successfully drained seven waterlogged areas using one pump and clearing 200 meters of trenches, improving conditions for 300 residents. Later, from 19 to 30 April 2025, PPRM continued its response in Morondava's communes of Ampasy, Avaradrova, Tanambao, and Ankisirasira Sud, distributing WASH kits under the "Crisis Modifier" mechanism. Thirty volunteers supported the operation, reaching 476 households and 2,380 people with kits containing two bars of soap, two collapsible jerrycans, one bucket, and two bottles of Sur'Eau for water treatment.
- In response to TC Jude, the Malagasy Red Cross Society, with support from the FCDO funded programme carried out coordinated awareness-raising, evacuation, and shelter management activities in the regions of Atsimo Andrefana and Menabe from 14 to 16 March 2025. In Toliara I and II (Atsimo Andrefana), MRCS mobilized 105 volunteers to deliver early warning messages across 45 fokontany, leading to the evacuation and registration of 2,374 displaced households across 10 temporary shelter sites. Concurrently in Morondava (Menabe), 21 volunteers and staff facilitated the evacuation of 336 individuals from flood-prone areas to safe shelters and sensitized more than 1,400 people on cyclone preparedness. Additionally, 87

households received three-day emergency food kits, including rice, oil, and hygiene supplies. After the assessment conducted in Tulear and Morondava and in coordination with the Disaster and Risk Management National Office (Bureau National de Gestion de Risques et de Catastrophes - BNGRC), 1,500 households have been provided with NFI while 2,500 were assisted in Cash for basic needs. Additionally, training in CEA, PGI, CASH, PASSA and WASH/EPIC are planned to strengthen the emergency volunteers teams for the affected areas in the north and west. From 15 to 18 March 2025, in response to Cyclone Jude, the ECHO PPP programme conducted a distribution of WASH kits in Taolanaro, Anosy region. A team of 26 people carried out the operation, delivering buckets as part of the kits to 380 households, thereby reaching a total of 1,900 individuals. The effort was supported by 10 staff and 16 volunteers, ensuring essential hygiene support for communities affected by the cyclone.

Malawi

Between March to date MRCS has implemented a number of activities under the TC Chido and Jude response, the major ones being the following;

- Supporting 2,340 (10,500 people) households affected by TC Jude with cash and soap both bathing and laundry.
- Training of 180 volunteers in EVC, PGI, CEA and psychosocial support.
- Reached out to over 3,800 people with psychosocial support services
- Facilitated distribution of chlorine to target communities and this was handled by ministry of health officials at district level.
- Conducted hygiene promotion activities reaching out to over 25,500 people in all target communities and this was done through volunteers and health assistants at community level but also taking advantage of cash and NFI distribution.
- Strengthening complaints and feedback mechanisms in collaboration with social mobilization committees in all target districts.
- Enhancing coordination meetings at district level to ensure harmonization of approaches in all response activities.

Table 2: Number of households receiving shelter and essential household

Particular	IFRC Secretariat EA	Bilateral Support	Total	Number of people reached	Remarks
Shelter and essential household items-NFIs	290	2,010	2,340	10,530	Each household received soap(bath and laundry soap)
MPCA	290	2,010	2,340	10,530	Each household received MWK 140,000, equivalent to CHF 72*) with the support of IFRC Secretariat and DRC respectively.

- The National Society has so far reached 9520 people with Health interventions while 15,875 people reached with critical WASH interventions.
- MRCS reached approximately 715,000 people with early warning messages in at-risk districts in the days prior to landfall of TC Chido and Jude. Out this, 600,000 people were reached in anticipation of TC Chido through DRC support, and 115,000 people were reached in anticipation of TC Jude, through combined IFRC Secretariat support and Federation-wide support from DRC. The Emergency Appeal funding also facilitated the fast deployment of MRCS NRTs to support early actions, assessments and search and rescue activities.

Mozambique

- Mozambique Red Cross Society (CVM) provided 3,727 households in Nampula and Niassa with shelter toolkits, tarpaulins, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, menstrual hygiene kits, plastic buckets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, and solar lamps, with the support of the IFRC network. This also includes 2,000 households assisted through activation of EAP for tropical cyclones supported by IFRC Secretariat and German RC. For the initial response, the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) contributed relief items and IFRC procured items from PIROI pre-positioned stocks with Airbus pro-bono flight support to those affected by Cyclone Chido and Dikeledi
- In April, 103 CVM volunteers and staff from Mossuril and Ilha de Moçambique were trained in basic shelter construction and WASH, focusing on safer building practices, community hygiene and prevention of water-borne diseases. An additional PGI and CEA training, addressing 35 CVM volunteers, 14 community leaders and government representatives took place in Mossuril supported by the EAP Cyclone activation project.
- 16 volunteers were trained in post-distribution monitoring (PDM), which was carried out in both districts, covering 264 households assisted between December 2024 and March 2025.
- The distribution of shelter and WASH non-food items (NFIs), as well as mosquito nets, to 1,299 families previously reached with partial assistance in Mossuril was completed in May-June. This was followed by second round of distribution targeting an additional 1,500 vulnerable households in Mossuril district. Through a donation of the French Government and the support of a French Red Cross Delegate dedicated to this operation, the distributions for the 1,500 HHs took place in June.
- Additionally, 968 households in Cabo Delgado province received shelter toolkits with the support of the ICRC. Details of the items have been provided in the relevant sections of the report.
- As co-lead of the Shelter Cluster, IFRC Shelter Cluster Coordinator was in Mozambique during Q1 and continued supporting remotely through the year. This position supports coordination with local authorities and partners to develop immediate response actions, map available resources, and ensure timely information

I never imagined that one day I would lose everything I had. The cyclone came so fast and with such force that there was nothing I could do to stop it. My house, the crops, my memories... everything disappeared in minutes. My children and I survived, but how were we going to start again with nothing?

The Red Cross arrived, and I didn't really know what to expect, but when I saw the volunteers in their uniforms, their friendliness and the help they brought, something inside me calmed down. They offered me water and treated one of my children.

I received materials to repair my house, and although everything is not as it was before, I feel that we are beginning to heal. The Red Cross has not only brought goods, but also consolation and emotional support, something I never imagined I would need.

-Celestino Armando, 42 years, Nampula, Mozambique

sharing to address the shelter needs of affected communities. In country, the visits in Nampula included providing trainings on use of shelter tool kits and tarpaulins.

PIROI response (Mayotte and La Reunion)

In response to the impact from TC Chido, PIROI quickly activated its response in Mayotte and launched a domestic appeal to gather support and financial resources. As part of the response, PIROI deployed 90 tons of relief items in the first 8 days alone. The response focused on the following interventions:

- NFI distributions (including food parcels)
- Deployment of medical teams in the field
- MPHSS
- WASH support, including distribution of clean and drinking water, deployment of water treatment teams, including a mobile truck.
- RFL

In response to the landfall of TC Garance in La Reunion, PIROI mobilized over 150 volunteers and responded through three main sectors: 1) Alerts, early warning messages and communication with communities, 2) Distribution of food parcels, 3) support to temporary emergency shelters in collaboration with local hospitals, including the distribution

of wash kits in line with the request from the public authorities. PIROI has also been supporting NS in SWIO with their preparedness activities for the incoming cyclone season.

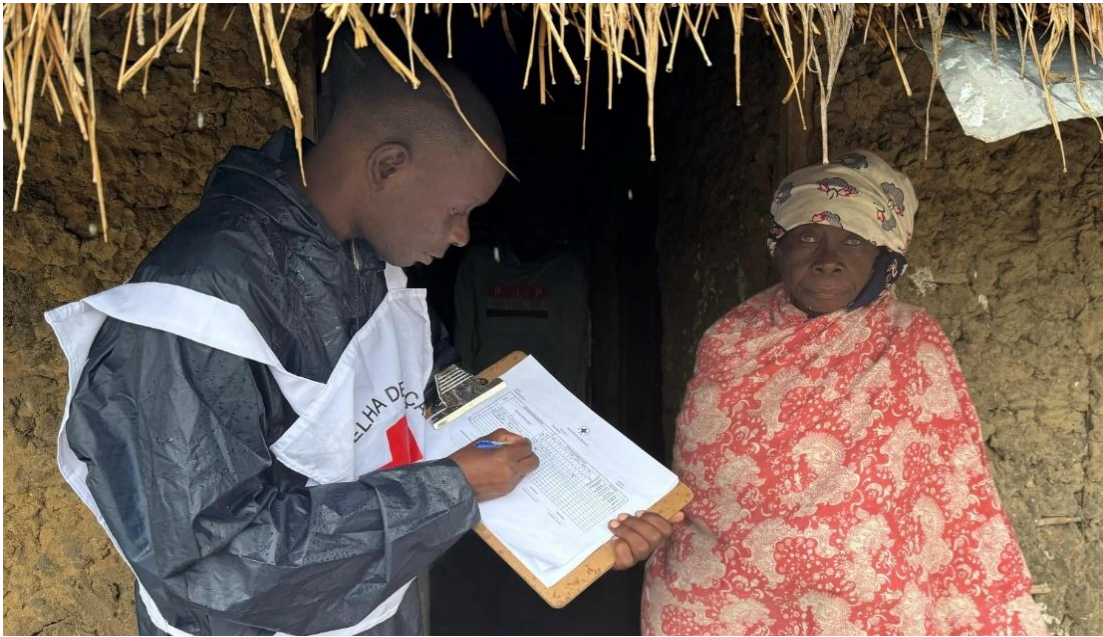
Needs analysis

The Tropical Cyclones from 2025 significantly affected Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique, with more than 2.5 million people affected and 200,000 people displaced. Likewise, TC Chido and Garance impacted the islands of Mayotte and La Reunion, including French Red Cross (FRC-PIROI) warehouses, which normally provide critical response capacity for the region. The cyclones devastated property and infrastructure, leaving people without homes and destroying livelihoods. In the aftermath of such climate emergencies, effective management of housing, land, and property rights is vital to ensure that affected populations can secure their homes and restore their livelihoods.

The assessments conducted by the National Societies in Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique identified needs that can be classified as follows:

- **Immediate needs:** Food assistance, cash assistance to meet emergency needs, emergency shelter, essential household items such as kitchen sets, lighting system/equipment, emergency health, mental health and psychosocial support including psychosocial first aid, restoring family links, emergency WASH support, including hygiene kit, menstrual hygiene kits, and addressing protection needs of women at risk, girls and boys.
- **Intermediate needs:** Support in transitional shelter and restoring livelihoods, provision of clean water and sanitation, and primary health and care as well as rehabilitation and/or equipment support to health facilities.
- **Long-term needs:** Durable shelter, health and WASH facilities and awareness activities, restoring livelihoods and income generating initiatives, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and readiness activities.

As the 2024 – 2025 Cyclone season comes to an end, and the sub-region continues to respond and recover from it, the need to invest in preparedness and readiness for the next cyclone season is a major priority. While the forecast of the next season is still not certain, the need to begin with preparedness activities continues to be a priority. This includes, in line with the second pillar of this EA, strengthening the response capacity of National Societies and increasing resilience of communities in the face of upcoming storms and potential extreme weather. Building resilience at the community level not only saves lives but also accelerates recovery and reduces long-term vulnerability.



Before the landfall of Tropical Cyclone Jude, the Mozambique Red Cross Society distributed early warning messages, conducted rapid assessments of at-risk communities, and registered households for relief efforts in Nampula, Mozambique. **Photo credit:** Keite Branquinho, Mozambique Red Cross Society

Needs per sector

- **Shelter, housing, and settlements:** Consecutive cyclones and flooding events affected Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique, affecting over 2.1 million individuals from December 2024 to March 2025. As a result, more than 940,000 people were displaced, and 404,246 homes were destroyed or damaged. Refer to Table 4 for the cumulative impact of tropical cyclones and resulting floods by country.

Table 4: Cumulative impact of tropical cyclones and resulting floods by country			
Name of country	Number of people affected	Number of houses destroyed or damaged	Number of people displaced
Comoros	64,160	218	171
Madagascar	125,500	33,000	35,000
Malawi	247,460	2,028	5,110
Mozambique	1,726,000	369,000	900,000
Total	2,163,120	404,246	940,281

Note: This is cumulative impact data of consecutive Tropical Cyclones: Chido, Dikeledi, Honde, Garance and Jude and resulting floods. Source of data for each cyclone has been provided in the appropriate section

More than 23,000 people are still living in the accommodation centers in Mozambique⁷ and 1,000 people in Madagascar.

Families whose homes have been destroyed or damaged require emergency shelter support and essential household items, including tarpaulins, shelter toolkits, sleeping mats, and kitchen sets for those whose belongings have been

⁷ Dashboard_Impacto_INDG_Externo, By Cenoe Moçambique, 17 March 2025

buried or flooded. The need for shelter recovery programmes has been emphasized in the detailed needs assessment conducted by the National Societies in Malawi and Mozambique.

As of 31 March 2025, over 6,300 households (32,000 individuals) in Malawi and Mozambique had received shelter and essential items, such as shelter toolkits, tarpaulins, kitchen sets, blankets, mattresses, and cash to assist in rebuilding their homes. However, needs remain high, particularly in rural areas and among communities with fragile housing. Many homes are constructed from sand and bamboo, rendering them unsafe and vulnerable. In the long term, these communities require durable shelters that can withstand storms.

- **Food security and livelihood:** Households in the affected areas have lost food stocks and agricultural land; some have lost livestock, and traders have lost stocks that they would have sold to earn an income. People who were already in debt will struggle to repay due to a reduced means of income.

A common element raised while engaging in immediate and future needs by affected families was the impact of the destruction of crops and food stocks, possibly impacting the decision-making process on returning to places of origin or leaving transit centers.

Households reliant on agriculture need support for replanting, while families depending on livestock or fishing require help to replace lost animals and equipment. The flood analysis also showed that 62,684 hectares of cropland were destroyed by the inundation, resulting in significant production losses, severely impacting livelihoods and food security in Mozambique⁸. The Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) cluster estimated that 532,000 are in need of food support, with 157,300 falling into the High Risk or Very High Risk categories. Therefore, it is crucial to support the restoration of livelihoods through in-kind assistance or cash and voucher assistance (CVA).

The cyclones left 200,000 people without electricity and destroyed crops and businesses in the affected areas, especially in Nampula, where agriculture is a key livelihood. The fishing sector was the most affected due to the loss of boats and fishing materials. Food security emerged as the most critical immediate need.

In Madagascar and Comoros, cyclones caused significant damage on crops, infrastructure, and livelihoods, leading to reduced agricultural production and increased food shortages, and malnutrition. The regions of Grand Sud (Androy, Anosy, and Atsimo-Andrefana) were severely affected by drought and cyclones, leading to high levels of acute food insecurity. The Eastern regions (Atsimo-Atsinanana and Vatovavy Fitovinany) were also impacted, with cyclones causing damage on crops and infrastructure. The same situation occurred in Comoros, especially Ajouan Island where a significant loss of crop (bananas) was observed.

- **Health and care:** In addition to displacement concerns, health risks are rising. The health needs in affected countries were extensive and require a coordinated response from governments and humanitarian organizations.
- In Mozambique, the tropical cyclones damaged or destroyed health facilities in the affected countries particularly in Mozambique. The Nampula Provincial Health Directorate (DPS) reported significant disruption in the provision of health services as 81 health units were affected, and medical supply shortages limit the availability of emergency response and routine care.

There are urgent health needs due to the lack of sufficient medical care in accommodation sites. The absence of proper facilities, poor hygiene, and heavy rains increase the risk of spreading diseases like malaria and cholera. A humanitarian gap has also been detected in the provision of psychosocial support.

⁸ OCHA Mozambique – Tropical Cyclone Jude Flash Update No. 5, 19 March 2025

Furthermore, the provinces of Nampula and Zambézia in Mozambique experienced a cholera outbreak across seven districts (Angoche, Larde, Mogovolas, Murrupula, Nampula City, Mopeia, and Alto Molocué), with a case fatality rate of 2.4 per cent. As of 7 April 2025, a total of 2,792 cases and 50 deaths (40 in the community and 10 in health facilities) were reported in Nampula (88.7 per cent) and Zambézia (11.3 per cent). A high demand for medical supplies and health and hygiene promotion activities was reported. The Mozambique Red Cross Society planned to activate the Crisis Modifier, supported by the Belgian Red Cross, for the cholera response in Nampula. The activities planned under the Crisis Modifier align with the Emergency Appeal and enhance currently underfunded WASH/health initiatives, including community mobilisation, volunteer training in health, and further distributions of water purifying agents.

Conflict, mass displacement, disasters from natural hazards, and climate change have intensified outbreaks, particularly in rural and cyclone-affected areas, where poor infrastructure and limited healthcare access delay treatment. These cross-border factors have made cholera outbreaks increasingly complex and harder to control. This is also the case in Nampula, where there is increasing need and population movement due to the conflict seen in Cabo Delgado.

Mental health and psychosocial support needs of people affected by the tropical cyclones are significant due to the extensive destruction and trauma caused by the cyclones. Many individuals experienced loss of family members, homes, and livelihoods, leading to increased levels of trauma and grief. Psychological first aid and counselling services are urgently needed to help individuals cope with their losses, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly who may be more affected by the trauma of displacement and loss. As of 10 March 2025, with the support of Danish Red Cross, Malawi Red Cross Society reached more than 2,800 people with MHPSS activities in Phalombe district. Such supports need to be continued and scaled up in all affected areas.

- **Water, sanitation, and hygiene:** Access to clean water and sanitation services has been interrupted due to the cyclones. The lack of latrines and hygiene items increases the risk of waterborne diseases, especially in Nampula (Mozambique), where there are active cholera outbreaks. The cyclones led to significant flooding, which contaminated existing water sources and damaged or destroyed sanitation facilities in the affected countries.

A rapid initial multi-sectoral assessment (MIRA) led by INGD in Nampula province, Mozambique, from 14 to 17 March 2025, revealed that protected water supply systems—such as boreholes with functioning hand pumps and household connections to community water supply systems declined following the cyclone. Meanwhile, the use of rainwater harvesting systems and surface water increased in the aftermath⁹. Other key findings from the MIRA include:

- Defecation in open or bush areas rose from 9 percent to 19 percent after the cyclones.
- Only 19 percent of women and girls had access to washable sanitary pads, disposable sanitary pads, or any other materials for menstruation management.
- Less than 4 percent of respondents reported having handwashing facilities available at all times.

These findings indicate a pressing need for WASH interventions in the affected areas. There is an urgent requirement for water purification efforts to ensure access to safe drinking water for the affected populations. Immediate repairs and the establishment of temporary sanitation solutions are necessary to prevent outbreaks of diseases such as cholera. Furthermore, there is a critical need for hygiene promotion activities to educate communities on the importance of handwashing, safe food preparation, and effective waste management practices to mitigate the risk of disease transmission.

⁹ INGD MIRA Cyclone Jude in Nampula, 24 March 2025

The provision of hygiene kits, which include soap and other sanitary items together with orientation can improve hygiene practices among affected populations. In February 2025, the Mozambique Red Cross Society, with the support of IFRC and Canadian Red Cross, provided hygiene kits to 500 households in Nampula, Mozambique. However, there are still major needs in the communities affected by the consecutive cyclones and floods from the last season.

Furthermore, the increase in vector-borne and waterborne diseases due to flooding in some areas continues to pose a health risk to both affected communities and responders.

In Madagascar and Comoros, the 2025 cyclones significantly impacted water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in Madagascar, exacerbating existing challenges related to limited access on safe water, sanitation (practicing open defecation practices and the lack of adequate handwashing facilities) and increased waterborne diseases. The cyclones damaged WASH infrastructures, disrupting access to safe water and sanitation services.

- **Protection gender and inclusion:** Destruction and displacement due to tropical cyclones have become a recurring challenge for many families in the affected areas. This was also the case in Memba or Ilha de Mozambique, which was hit by TC Chido and Dikeledi, respectively. As a result, many families were displaced multiple times already.

As part of the people impacted by the cyclone who had to leave their home, many went to transit centers due to the damage of their houses. As the number of arrivals at these centers increased, some centres become overcrowded and were not able to provide gender-segregated facilities or sufficient lighting, which has impacted protection risks such as gender-based violence and general safety,

Vulnerable groups, such as women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, face a higher risk of exploitation and abuse. Protection must be prioritized, especially in shelters, to prevent gender-based violence and ensure the inclusion of those most in need. The lack of necessary items for children to return to regular activities, such as school, is limiting child protection efforts.

Rapid protection assessment conducted by the protection cluster during mid-March 2025 in Nampula, Mozambique revealed that:

- 95 percent of respondent reported feeling unsafe after the cyclones
 - 30 percent of the respondents engaged in harmful coping strategies due to cyclone impact such as selling assets, survival sex, domestic violence and begging
- **Risk reduction, climate adaptation, and recovery:** Many communities in the affected countries have little access to early warning systems, leaving them vulnerable to events like floods and Tropical Cyclones. This places them at an increased risk of loss of life and damage to property during the onset of disasters. Furthermore, many dwellings lack adequate reinforcement for high winds, increasing the risk of displacement during Tropical Cyclones.

In Madagascar and Comoros, training on Shelter/PASSA has been conducted to volunteers and local masons. This will contribute to building the houses that can withstand cyclones. The volunteers and communities have been trained on early warning system and CEA committees have been reactivated.

Operational risk assessment

The operational risks remain largely the same as those outlined in the [Operational Strategy](#) issued on 26 March 2025, and the last Operational Update. With the end of the 2024/2025 cyclone season, heavy rains continued to be

monitored. The teams have been preparing also for the incoming 2025/2026 cyclone season and rainy season. The compounding effects of successive Tropical Cyclones diminished local capacity and resilience to recover, and rains and floods continue to be a risk for rapid growth in water-borne diseases like cholera, causing a continuous deterioration of the humanitarian situation. Further, a challenging funding landscape continues to create further uncertainty in the capacity of the wider humanitarian community to respond to the emergency, placing greater need on fewer available resources. The low level of funding for this EA, limits the response and preparedness activities National Societies are able to conduct.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<p>More weather disturbances will impact the same areas, causing increased flooding and landslides.</p>	<p>High ↑</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Risk reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the operation under a revised appeal to address additional needs as they emerge. • Implement continuous weather monitoring and maintain strong communication and contingency planning with National Societies. • Pre-position supplies in strategic locations with strong supply chains. • Train volunteers in disaster response to enable rapid mobilization and intervention. • Continue with preparedness and readiness activities ahead of the 2025/2026 season. <p>Risk transfer: Work with partners such as FRC-PIROI to enhance preparedness and response efforts, leveraging their experience in the region.</p>
<p>Increase in vector and waterborne diseases due to flooding, posing a health risk to both affected communities and NS staff.</p>	<p>High ↑</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Risk reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize and emphasize key health promotion messages and hygiene promotion activities with communities. • Ensure that staff and volunteers are thoroughly briefed on health and safety protocols and receive appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). • Work with partners to implement community-based surveillance systems (CBS) to quickly detect and respond to outbreaks. • Provide access to safe water, WASH supplies to mitigate the spread of disease. Additionally, mosquito nets and basic emergency kits. <p>Risk acceptance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Health Cluster Agencies monitor cholera situation and partner wherever possible to respond to cholera outbreaks using Early Action Protocols (EAPs) and existing crisis multipliers.

<p>Lack of funding to support the planned response and readiness activities.</p>	<p>High ↑ (Increasing)</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Risk reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a robust and well-articulated funding appeal plan that highlights the specific needs and urgency of the situation. • Diversify funding sources, engaging both traditional and non-traditional donors. • Implement strict cost controls and prioritize essential activities to maximize the impact of available funds. • Maintain full financial transparency and accountability to build and maintain donor trust. <p>Risk transfer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use existing partnerships and networks to advocate for increased funding (various). • Explore innovative financing such as anticipatory action funding and forecast-based financing. <p>Risk acceptance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify core activities that can be delivered within a reduced budget in the event that full funding is not obtained. • Provide coaching with NS HQ staff on prioritizing actions that maximize budget effectiveness by capitalizing on areas of NS expertise. <p>Recovery actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a plan for downscaling or adjusting operations if funding shortfalls persist to ensure best use of resources while reducing impact. • Prioritize response activities as the need arises.
<p>Political instability impacting the access to communities or delaying activities.</p>	<p>Medium (Holding)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Risk reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement continuous monitoring of the security and political situation, maintaining strong relationships with local authorities and communities. • Engage with ICRC, particularly in Mozambique, to maintain access and security. • Develop detailed contingency plans with alternative distribution routes and strategies to adapt to access restrictions.

- Prioritize staff and volunteer safety, incorporating security risk management into operational planning, and ensuring staff and volunteers are trained and aware of security protocols.

Risk transfer: Work closely with security and risk management experts to develop risk assessments and mitigation plans.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

As of 1 July 2025, the coverage of the EA stands at 51.5 per cent (for the secretariat ask). On behalf of the National Societies, the IFRC extends its gratitude to all partners who have contributed and urges for additional resources to support the response. This will enable them to deliver an effective response and enhance the capacity of local branches and communities in preparation for future cyclones and the resulting floods, in accordance with the strategies outlined below.

Through this Operational update, the IFRCs and relevant National Societies seek to **extend this regional Emergency Appeal for an additional 6 months until 30 June 2026**. This extension will provide the National Society and IFRC adequate time to effectively complete the implementation of the ongoing preparedness activities (in particular procurement of prepositioned stocks), while also maintaining an adequate level of readiness and operational support throughout the 2025/2026 cyclone season.

The [SWIO TC Operation Strategy \(MDRS1005\)](#) will maintain its dual focus: immediate response and long-term preparedness for tropical cyclones, consecutive floods and lightning. Yet should a major storm occur with high impact in one or several countries, the EA (and corresponding OS) would need to be immediately revised to allow for resource mobilisation, communications, and corresponding response to be enacted by the National Societies.

The Operation Strategy allows for flexibility in adapting interventions within country plans based on their specific needs and gaps. With the support of the IFRC Secretariat, National Societies have developed their country plans in Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique.

As the National Societies have continued their response, additional focus has been placed on the preparedness work for the next cyclone season. This work has been guided by lessons from the past season in order to improve the preparedness and readiness strategy in the sub-region, and the IFRC regional cyclone preparedness and readiness plan developed for the 2025/2026 TC season.

Preparedness and readiness

The readiness under this EA aims to strengthen both National Societies and at-risk communities.

Key actions taking place to enhance National Society capacity include:

- Review and update the contingency plan and standard operating procedures and test them through simulations.
- Train National Society staff and volunteers on different sectors
- Replenish emergency stocks

Similarly, key actions to enhance resilience in vulnerable communities include:

- More than 376,000 people are targeted (as per the IFRC Secretariat target) through preparedness and capacity-building activities in the vulnerable communities. The plan incorporates risk reduction and climate adaptation measures to mitigate vulnerabilities, ensuring that affected communities receive comprehensive support that addresses both their immediate and long-term needs.
- Implement community projects to address risk identified from enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessments (EVCA) in high-risk communities.
- Conduct early warning systems awareness and capacity-building initiatives.

The selection of communities for preparedness are based on a variety of factors, including the likelihood of exposure to cyclones and related flooding, the limited presence of other humanitarian and development actors, and the local population's limited adaptive capacities and high levels of socio-economic vulnerability.

Federation wide approach

The operation will continue to emphasise a Federation-wide approach to addressing the response and preparedness needs of affected communities. Support from Participating National Societies (PNS) through human, financial, or material resources will be coordinated with appeal funds to maximise impact wherever possible.

This approach has proven effective in all countries covered by the appeal. For example, a Danish Red Cross crisis modifier was utilised by the Malawi Red Cross Society following Tropical Cyclone Jude, while funds from the Emergency Appeal were reallocated to support an emergency needs assessment. In Madagascar, the FCDO project crisis modifier has supported the response work of the Malagasy Red Cross in the southern provinces of Madagascar following TC Honde and Jude, leaving appeal funds to support other regions not supported by the project. Additionally, discussions are ongoing with the Spanish Red Cross regarding potential contributions to underfunded areas of the Appeal. In the Comoros, the Comoros Red Crescent has been working closely with FRC-PIROI to conduct EVCA's for communities at-risk for flood events, which will now expand to include 36 additional communities identified as being at the highest risk for Tropical Cyclone impacts.

This Emergency Appeal is also coordinated with the response and preparedness activities supported by PIROI across the countries in the sub-region, and the domestic appeal French Red Cross launched in response to the impact of TC Chido in Mayotte.

Lastly, on the area of preparedness and readiness, there is direct coordination and engagement with the AA teams at IFRC and National Societies to ensure close coordination with the work outlined through the active protocols across the sub-region, in order to avoid duplications and reinforce the activities.

Refer to Table 5 for the number of people targeted by the operation, both by the IFRC Secretariat and across the Federation.

Table 5: Number of people targeted per country						
Country	IFRC Secretariat target			Federation-wide target		
	Response	Readiness	Total	Response	Readiness	Total
Comoros	*450	**61,152	61,902	450	61,152	61,902
Madagascar	-	125,500	125,500	20,000 ¹⁰	125,500	145,500
Malawi	30,000	50,000	80,000	45,000 ¹¹	50,000	95,000
Mauritius	-	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000
Mozambique	138,000	100,000	238,000	148,000 ¹²	100,000	248,000
Seychelles	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Zimbabwe	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Total	168,450	376,652	545,402	213,450	376,652	590,402

**The Comoros Red Crescent is providing MPCA to 75 households affected by the cyclone with an average household size six.
**The Comoros Red Crescent has reduced its target for preparedness from 116,300 to 61,152 to focus on villages directly impacted by Tropical Cyclone Chido and those identified to be most at risk for future cyclone impact. The strategy will provide more thorough interventions to strengthen housing and address community risks informed by the EVCA's.*



National Societies engage the community at every stage of intervention, from assessment to response and readiness activities in the operation. This photograph is from Malawi, where staff and volunteers of the Malawi Red Cross Society are discussing the purpose of the cash distribution and explaining the feedback response mechanism in Blantyre district. **Photo Credit: Malawi Red Cross Society**


¹⁰ [FCDO Crisis modifier](#) target: 20,000 people

¹¹ [Malawi AA](#) target: 15,000 people

¹² Existing IFRC Cyclone Early Action Protocol to support 2,000 households in Mozambique

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL REPORT

STRATEGIC SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

 Shelter, Housing and Settlements	Federation wide	Reach: 40,5434
	Secretariat	Target: 11,150
		Reach: 30,754 people
	Female > 18: 8,373	Female < 18: 7,430
	Male > 18: 8,562	Male < 18: 6,389

Objective: *To provide immediate and adequate shelter solutions for those affected by the cyclones and floods, ensuring safety and dignity*

Key indicators	Indicator	Target (Secretariat EA)	Actual (Secretariat EA support)	Actual (Federation-wide support)
		<i>Number of households receiving emergency shelter and/or essential household items</i>	2,100	6,746
	<i>Number of households receiving shelter toolkit</i>	2,100	8,612	6,600
	<i>Number of households receiving construction materials/ cash and voucher assistance for repair or rebuilding their shelter</i>	1,700	1,961	1,961
	<i>Number of households receiving shelter technical support for the repair or rebuilding of their shelter</i>	1,700	0	0
	<i>Number of staff/volunteers trained in safe shelter, including essential household items.</i>	300	445	445
	<i>Number of people reached with training/awareness-raising session on safe shelter.</i>	61,700 ¹³	9,760	9,760
	<i>Number of accommodation centers established that meet humanitarian standards, including safety and protection measures.</i>	N/A	0	37*

Malawi

During the reporting period, the Malawi Red Cross Society selected four districts—Balaka, Blantyre, Kasungu, and Zomba—in the Central and Southern regions of the country for the intervention under SWIO TC, supported by the IFRC Secretariat. This selection was based on a shelter damage assessment carried out by the MRCS in February, in conjunction with the District Councils.

The National Society provided essential household items to 1,117 households, with each household receiving a tarpaulin, a solar lamp, a kitchen set, and a blanket across the four districts to meet the immediate needs of families still suffering from the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Chido.

Furthermore, the National Society provided cash assistance to 1,671 households for rebuilding their homes in the same districts, with each household receiving MWK 100,000 (equivalent to CHF 51).

¹³ The target has been increased from 1,700 to 61,700 as the Comoros Red Crescent planning to implement build back better and Cyclone resistant building techniques awareness activities targeting 60,000 people in Comoros.

Within the reporting period around March, Malawi was also faced by tropical cyclone Jude which affected around 10 districts which some were also affected by TC Chido. The cyclone affected at least 32,692 people (972 households were displaced) 2 people lost their lives while 1 person missing due to boat capsizing; 10 people sustained various injuries. Public infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, bridges and roads were damaged in some affected districts. Following this event MRCS sought support from IFRC and DRC to support affected households and so far 2,340 (10,500 people) have been reached with cash as multipurpose cash grant and these brings the total number of households affected by Chido and Jude to 4,029 (18,130 people). The cyclone Jude response targeted Chikwawa, Phalombe and Mulanje districts which were hard hit and this means that 7 districts are now being supported under Chido and Jude response.

Mozambique

In response to Tropical Cyclones Chido, Dikeledi and Jude, the Mozambique Red Cross Society distributed shelter and EHI, reaching out to more than 20,000 people from **4,103** households in Nampula and Niassa provinces, Federation-wide. Table 6: Number of households supported through shelter essential household items in Mozambique.

Province	HH supported	Number of shelters and essential household items											
		Shelter tool kits	Tarpaulin	Kitchen set	Blanket	Mat	Solar lamp	Mosquito net	Capulana	Hygiene kit	Menstrual Kit	Soap (in bar)	Bucket
Nampula	3,747	2,747	3,962	299	897	897	566	9,000	459	566	566	854	1,132
Niassa	356	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Federation-wide	4,103	2,747	3,962	299	897	897	566	9,000	459	566	566	854	1,132

Additionally, 968 households in Cabo Delgado province received shelter toolkits with the support of the ICRC.

The distributions aimed to address the urgent need for shelter in damaged homes, providing basic tools and materials for the repair of housing and providing essential household items that were either buried or flooded by the cyclones and consecutive floods.

- During the distribution, the team implemented a monitoring system to ensure equitable and transparent delivery of items. They utilized registration forms to track recipients and closely monitored the quantity of items distributed. In April, CVM trained 16 volunteers in post-distribution monitoring (PDM), which was carried out in Mossuril and Ilha de Mozambique districts, covering 264 households assisted between December 2024 and March 2025.
- In the same month, 103 volunteers and staff from CVM, in Mossuril and Ilha de Mozambique, received basic training on safe shelter. The training covered the appropriate use of the shelter kit and basic concepts of resilient construction methods and improvements to rebuild more safely, such as foundation lashings, use of tarpaulin and ropes.

Key challenges of the operation include:

- The construction materials prevalent in the area, mainly sand and bamboo, resulted in very fragile structures, making it difficult to assess the level of destruction between total and partial damage. Even the collapse of a single wall could lead to the complete loss of a house.


- Identifying the most vulnerable households was challenging, as nearly all homes in the communities were impacted by the cyclones.

Madagascar

- The Malagasy Red Cross Society has aided in the establishment of 37 accommodation sites (16 in Dekeledi, 7 in Honde, and 14 in Jude) across the Atsimo Andrefana, Atsinanana, Menabe, and Sava regions of Madagascar. This initiative forms part of the ongoing programme supported by the IFRC/BRC, with funding from the FCDO. The accommodation sites provided shelter, food, health, and WASH services to over 17,800 individuals who lived there. The National Society mobilized more than 230 volunteers for assessment, early warning system awareness campaign, support the management of the accommodation sites, and evacuation in accommodation sites.
- A total of 90 volunteers from Ambanja, Diego, Ambilobe and Vohemar districts have been trained (80 volunteers trained in PASSA and 10 volunteers trained in BBS).

Comoros

- The Comoros Red Crescent trained 60 volunteers and 70 community carpenters on the Build Back Better and Cyclone resistant building techniques. By the end of November, a total of 102 sessions has been conducted and touched 2,013 people (1,094 in Anjouan, 545 in Mohéli and 374 in Ngazidja. Community awareness will continue all along the cyclone season. The training has been facilitated by an existing FRC-PIROI construction advisor based in the Comoros and the Shelter Officer from IFRC Cluster level.

	Livelihoods	Female > 18: 0	Female < 18: 0
		Male > 18: 0	Male < 18: 0

Objective: *To restore the livelihoods of affected populations to ensure their long-term recovery and resilience.*

Key indicators:	Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation-wide)
		Number of households receiving livelihood support (CVA/livelihood input)	200	0
	Number of people of people trained in business planning	200	0	0
	Number of people trained in vocational training	200	0	0

During the reporting period, National Society distributed food items to the people affected by tropical cyclones and consecutive floods. For instance, 87 households received three-day emergency food kits, including rice, oil, and hygiene supplies from Malagasy Red Cross Society, as part of the ongoing project supported by IFRC/BRC, FCDO in March 2025.

The IFRC is coordinating with partners for the possibilities of food security and livelihood interventions in the affected areas.



Multi-purpose Cash

Federation wide	Reach: 15,017
Secretariat	Target: 27,250
	Reach: 7,527
Female > 18: 1,957	Female < 18: 1,957
Male > 18: 1,957	Male < 18: 1,656

Objective:

To provide cash and voucher assistance to affected households, enabling them to meet their multiple needs and prioritize their recovery based on their unique circumstances.

Key indicators:

Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation wide)
Number of households that received multi-purpose cash grants or conditional/unconditional vouchers	3,150	1,961	3,625

Malawi

- With the support of the IFRC Secretariat, the Malawi Red Cross Society provided a one-off MPCA of MWK 80,000 (equivalent to CHF 41) to each of 1,671 households across four districts: Balaka (587 households), Blantyre (153 households), Kasungu (669 households), and Zomba (272 households). The households were selected based on a detailed assessment conducted in February 2025, which determined the level of destruction to shelter as well as general vulnerability criteria (including the impact on livelihoods and particularly vulnerable family members or heads of households) in March 2025. Cash for the minimum food basket recommended by the Cash Working Group is MWK 70,000 (equivalent to CHF 36) in Malawi. However, the National Society provided MWK 80,000 (equivalent to CHF 41) to account for inflation in prices.
- Similarly, with support from DRC, the National Society provided MPCA cash assistance to 1,664 households affected by TC Chido and Jude. In December 2024, 635 households whose homes were destroyed by Tropical Cyclone Chido received MWK 70,000 (equivalent to CHF 36) each to address their urgent needs, primarily for shelter. In March 2025, assistance was provided to 1,029 households in Blantyre and Phalombe, enabling them to relocate to safer areas.
- The National Society with support from IFRC and DRC supported households that were affected by TC Jude which hit some part of the country around mid-March. 2,340 (10,500 people) households affected by TC Jude with cash and soap both bathing and laundry from Chikwawa, Mulanje and Phalombe districts which were hit the hardest by the cyclone. Each household received MK140,000 as multipurpose cash grant.

Comoros

- The Comoros Red Crescent reviewed their cash and voucher assistance standard operating procedure (SOP) and delivered cash to 63 households affected by the TC Chido.



Health & Care

(Mental Health and psychosocial support / Community Health / Medical Services)

Federation wide	Reach: 5,557
Secretariat	Target: 87,000
	Reach: 2,700
Female > 18: 756	Female < 18: 621

Male > 18: **783**Male < 18: **540**

Objective:

- To address the psychosocial needs of the affected population and responders.
- To reduce immediate morbidity and mortality, prepare for, prevent, and rapidly contain emerging health risks, and build long-term health capacities at the community level

Key indicators:	Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation wide)
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	N/A	998	3,855
Number of people reached with basic health services	500	4,154	4,154	
Number of volunteers trained in ECV	400	270	270	
Number of households receiving mosquito nets	5,000	6,600	6,600	

Mozambique Red Cross Society distributed mosquito nets/long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLIN) to 1,000 households in Mossuril districts of the country. Each household received three mosquito nets to protect the vulnerable people from vector-borne illness such as malaria.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Federation wide	Reach: 24,500
Secretariat	Target: 87,000
	Reach: 1,251
Female > 18: 350	Female < 18: 288
Male > 18: 363	Male < 18: 250

Objective: To reduce health risks and increase dignity through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Key indicators:	Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation wide)
	Number of households provided with hygiene kits	4,000	7,590	16,732
Number of people reached through hygiene promotion activities and IEC materials	87,000	13,794	26,340	
Number of households receiving water treatment materials with information on how to use them.	5,650	4,500	6,500	
Number of households have access to safely managed drinking water services, or an improved drinking water source constructed or rehabilitated.	N/A	0	846	
Number of sanitation facilities constructed or rehabilitated.	N/A	0	1	

Mozambique

- The Mozambique Red Cross Society distributed 500 hygiene kits, 250 menstrual hygiene kits, and 500 plastic buckets to over 2,000 people from 500 households in the Mossuril and Ilha de Moçambique districts of Nampula province during the last week of February 2025, with 52 per cent of recipients being female.


- These items (250 hygiene kits, 250 menstrual hygiene kit and 500 buckets) were provided through in-kind support from the CRC via the IFRC. To ensure all selected households received the same essential items, the National Society supplied an additional 250 hygiene kits.
- Each of 2,000 households received three bars of soap, water purifier, one bucket (14L) and one jerrycan part of the Early Action Protocol in Mossuril.
- In the month of April, 103 volunteers and staff from CVM in Mossuril and Ilha received basic training on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion. The training focused on topics such as community hygiene promotion, household water treatment and safe storage, handwashing, and tippy-taps. The prevention actions aimed to avoid the transmission of water-related diseases such as malaria, diarrhoea, and cholera. Measures for the prevention and monitoring of cholera outbreaks, which have already occurred in various areas of the province, were also addressed.

Madagascar

- In response to Tropical Cyclone Honde, the Malagasy Red Cross Society provided 200 bars of soap to 200 individuals in accommodation centres in the Morondava district of the Menabe region in Madagascar. This support was part of an ongoing project funded by the FCDO through British Red Cross/IFRC.

Comoros

- The Comoros Red Crescent pre-positioned 100 hygiene kits in preparation for next years' cyclone season.

	Protection, Gender and Inclusion	Federation wide	Reach: N/A	
		Secretariat	Target: 168,200	
			Reach: N/A	
		Female > 18: N/A	Female < 18: N/A	
		Male > 18: N/A	Male < 18: N/A	
Objective:	<i>To ensure that all people affected by cyclones and floods have access to assistance in a non-discriminatory and equitable manner, with a focus on safety, dignity, access, and participation. The IFRC aims to address the causes, risks, and consequences of violence, discrimination, and exclusion in an integrated way.</i>			
Key indicators:	Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation wide)
	Percentage of latrines constructed or rehabilitated that meet the needs of women and vulnerable groups.	100	No latrine construction occurred during the reporting period.	
	Number of National Societies completing Child Safeguarding Risk Analysis for the operation	7	1	01
	Number of National Societies implementing internal codes of conduct on child protection and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.	7	2	2

Number of National Societies have their data on “people reached” disaggregated by gender, age and disability	7	3 ¹⁴	3
Number of staff and volunteers trained in PGI, including referrals	600	320	353
Percentage of assessments and analysis carried out, integrating PGI considerations as part of this emergency operation.	100	100	100
Number of women and girls reached by menstrual hygiene resources/kits	8,000	1,566	1,816
Number of people reached with protection, gender and inclusion programming.	4,950	15,875	15,875



National Societies prioritise vulnerable people in their response. This photograph is from Nampula provinces, Mozambique where National Society distributed mosquito nets. **Photo Credit: Fonseca Etide, Mozambique Red Cross Society**

Malawi Red Cross Society trained 200 volunteers on PGI prior and mobilised in early warning actions, assessments and response activities.

National Societies that have distributed relief items have maintained records of those reached, disaggregated by sex, age, and disability. However, this practice is not applied to mass-level activities such as awareness campaigns for early warning systems. As of 31 March 2025, distributions have only taken place in Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique in response to the tropical cyclones.

IFRC Secretariat is engaging with National Societies for Child Safeguarding Risk Analysis for the operation.



Community Engagement and Accountability

Objective:

The diverse needs, priorities and preferences of the affected communities guide the response ensuring a people-centred approach through meaningful community participation. This involves integrating meaningful community participation, open and honest communication, and mechanisms to listen to and act on feedback.

Key indicators:


Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation wide)
Number of National Societies with a CEA policy/strategy/plan or where CEA has been integrated into existing strategies.	7	2	2
Number of community feedback meetings conducted	30	20	22

¹⁴ As of 31 March 2025, distributions have taken place in Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique as part of this operation.

Percentage of people surveyed who feel the National Society's support/services meet their most important needs/provide useful support.	80	This data will be captured from PDM and other surveys.	
Number of National Societies with methods established to communicate with communities about what is happening in the operation, including selection criteria if these are being used	7	1	1

National Societies engage communities at every stage of the operation in Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique. For instance:

- Malawi Red Cross Society carried out entry level meetings in the selected districts for the operation. The National Society also conducted orientation on the purpose of the distribution and explained feedback mechanism prior to cash and essential household items distribution in Malawi.
- Mozambique Red Cross Society informed the selected households through multiple channels, primarily with the help of local authorities, who communicated the date and time of the Red Cross distributions during community assemblies.
- The Comoros Red Crescent re-deployed the feedback collection system developed during the 2024 Cholera Response for use post cyclone season. The system is used to gather feedback from 60 targeted communities for both response and resilience-building activities.

	Risk Reduction, climate adaptation and Recovery	Female > 18: N/A	Female < 18: N/A
		Male > 18: N/A	Male < 18: N/A

Objective: *Communities in high-risk areas are prepared for and able to respond to disaster*

Key indicators:	Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation - wide)
		Number of shelter and household items packages prepositioned.	1,400	13,375
	Number of National Societies with engagement in early warning and anticipatory action.	7	5	5
	Number of National Societies have National Disaster Response teams trained and systems in place for their management.	7	5	5
	Number of people reached by disaster risk reduction public awareness messaging and public education campaigns (PAPE) ¹⁵ .	200,000	156,001	954,646

National Societies reached out to more than 954,646 people with early warning awareness campaigns including mass message dissemination in Malawi (715,000 people), Madagascar (185,000 people) and Mozambique (13,000 people) from December 2024 to March first half 2025. Out of which, 115,000 people were reached through IFRC Secretariat support in Malawi.

Malawi

¹⁵ This indicator has been added to monitor the hazard, risk and EWS awareness efforts in the operation

- Malawi Red Cross Society initiated international procurements for the 1,117 households covered in the TC Chido response, but included items for an additional 300 households for prepositioning. The items have not been received in-country yet, but the prepositioning already came in useful during TC Jude, where Malawi Red Cross Society deployed the remainder of their warehouse stock to respond to urgent needs. Here the incoming stock will replenish the items deployed.
- During TC Jude, the National Society activated its Anticipatory Action Protocols and deployed NRTs to all at-risk districts, to conduct early warning message dissemination and assessments. The efforts were supported by the SWIO Appeal, Danish Red Cross and Belgian-Flanders Red Cross, and in total 115.000 persons were reached with early warning messaging through door-to-door dissemination.
- MRCS is still creating awareness within target communities on disaster risk reduction through awareness messaging and use of volunteers who are doing door to door. Currently the National society will strengthen activities around PASSA. This will enable target communities to rebuild as part of risk reduction as we are approaching yet another season.



*Malagasy Red Cross Society volunteers evacuate at-risk communities to accommodation centers in Maroantsetra district during TC Dekeledi.
Photo credit: Mozambique Red Cross Society.*

- All items which were procured internationally have been received and these are a replenishment. However, in an event where disaster strikes most of these items will be used to respond on the ground.

Enabling approaches



National Society Strengthening

Objective: *To ensure that operations involving external resourcing and technical expertise have a positive effect on current and future National Society response capacity for annual cyclone events.*

Key indicators:	Indicator	Target (Secretariat support)	Actual (Secretariat support)	Actual (Federation wide)
	<i>Number of volunteers insured</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<i>Number of National Societies with branch capacity development plan(s) based on BOCA assessments in the operation area.</i>	7	0	0
	<i>Number of National Societies with contingency plan(s) for the identified major hazards</i>	7	1	1

Enhancing National Societies' capacities and providing technical support

- IFRC Secretariat has been engaging with and supporting the National Societies in their assessments, responses, and country-level planning. In line with the EA, National Societies have developed their country plans to guide their response and readiness activities. These are coordinated with the support other partners, including PIROI, are providing.

Strengthening National Societies' disaster and crisis response capabilities at headquarters and branch by supporting existing actions undertaken by FRC-PIROI and other PNS.

- Part of Federation-wide response and readiness, IFRC Secretariat has mapped out FRC-PIROI and other PNS's plan to strengthen the capacity of the National Societies. The IFRC Appeal aims to fill the relevant area of capacity building which are not covered by PNS or FRC-PIROI.

Training to volunteers in early warning, early action, PGI and CEA

- National Societies are preparing training to the volunteers.

Ensuring that duty of care, accountability and sustainability of essential services are considered

- Part of the Emergency Appeal, National Societies are ensuring their volunteers who are deployment in response and readiness activities.
- The National Societies are primarily responsible for monitoring of the operation in the field. They have established mechanisms for monitoring of the activities and results and capturing feedback and learning of the operation as well as plan for exist surveys, PDM, knowledge attitude and practice surveys, lessons learned workshops that will ensure accountability and sustainability of the essential services.
- Additionally, National Societies have lessons learned and good practices documented and shared through periodic operational reviews and coordination meetings to ensure continuous improvement and organizational learning. Feedback will be received throughout the intervention, logged and tracked to achieve maximum feedback at community level.

Replenishing and pre-position stocks in at-risk areas by leveraging existing actions undertaken by FRC-PIROI and other PNS.

- IFRC Secretariat is progressing towards procurement of the items to replenish stock. Refer to Secretariat Services section of this report for the detail.



Coordination and Partnerships

Objective:

To ensure a coordinated approach to meeting humanitarian needs and to avoid duplication of efforts through partnerships.

Key indicators:

Indicator

**Target
(Secretariat
support)**

**Actual
(Secretariat
support)**

**Actual
(Federation wide)**

Number of National Societies with membership coordination mechanism in place

7

7

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Maintaining direct coordination between National Societies and national disaster authorities.

- Mozambique Red Cross Society is working in coordination with local meteorological institutions (INAM) and Hydro (DNGRH) and the National Institute for Disaster Risk Management (INGD).
- Malagasy Red Cross Society participates in the Critical Incident Response Committee (CRIC) meetings which serves as the primary coordination platform involving all partners at national, regional and local levels. Initiated by the BNGRC Operations Centre at the national level, these meetings are regularly convened at the outset of each operation. There were seven CRIC meetings since December 2024 to 31 March 2025. Malagasy RC also participate in different sectoral working groups and is the co-lead for Shelter. In 2024, Malagasy RC and IFRC signed a tripartite agreement on Disaster Low, and this positioned the National Society to become a main Government partner at national and regional levels.

Supporting National Societies in coordinating with in-country IFRC members and ICRC

- Malawi Red Cross Society hosts bi-weekly Partners Calls for in-country partners, coordinating ongoing operations, including this Emergency Appeal.
- Malagasy Red Cross Society engaged in close coordination with the authorities and partners through the event via standard coordination mechanisms as per the regional SOP.
- The IFRC Secretariat organised partner calls on a daily basis during the cyclone period and weekly, as needed, during quieter periods in Mozambique to update on the cyclone situation and support the National Society in early warning actions, assessments, and responses in a coordinated manner in Mozambique.
- There are ongoing discussions with ICRC due to the impact in Cabo Delgado

Leveraging PNS crisis modifiers for existing Anticipatory Action and Early Activation Protocols through 'network' way of working.

The operation has emphasized the way of working to address the response and preparedness needs of affected communities.

- Malawi Red Cross Society has utilized the Danish Red Cross crisis modifier following Tropical Cyclone Jude, while funds from the Emergency Appeal were reallocated to support an emergency needs assessment.

- In Madagascar, the FCDO project crisis modifier has supported the response work of the Malagasy Red Cross in the southern provinces of Madagascar following Tropical Cyclones Honde and Jude, leaving appeal funds to support other regions not supported by the project.
- Mozambique Red Cross Society activated IFRC Cyclone Early Action Protocol to support 2,000 households

Coordinating response, preparedness and readiness activities with regional platforms like FRC-PIROI.

- Weekly meetings are in place for the operational teams in the country and IFRC, and PIROI. This is in line with the coordination framework that was been created for the EA and over response for this cyclone's seasons in SWIO. The mechanism for monitoring operations is based on human resources, tools for collecting data and monitoring the progress of operations, as well as capitalizing on lessons learned.
- IFRC also holds internal coordination meetings on a weekly based, with all relevant CCD and regional teams.
- PIROI hosted their post cyclone season workshop in La Reunion in May. The meeting was attended by IFRC and the relevant National Societies from the sub-region. The workshop worked to conduct a review of the response the systems that affected the region but also do a lessons learned to ensure a more efficient work in next season. This workshop was followed up by the online meeting organized by PIROI in October, kicking off the next season.

Activating IFRC's shelter cluster 'co-coordination' role

- Two Surge shelter cluster coordinators have been deployed to Mozambique in coordination and with the support from IFRC GVA.

Ensuring complementarity with other agencies and stakeholders by actively participating in HCTs and relevant cluster coordination meetings.

- IFRC network has been coordinating with the platforms such as the HCT, which meets monthly or on an ad hoc basis as necessary for humanitarian updates and align the response strategies across all countries involved in this operation

Engaging in humanitarian diplomacy to represent members and affected communities

- National Societies have conducted needs analyses based on assessments in the impacted countries. In response to these needs, the IFRC network has been engaging with public authorities and partners to secure resources and support for those in need in the affected areas. This engagement is essential for effective humanitarian diplomacy, representing both members and the communities affected.
- Additionally, the IFRC network communication team has been creating and sharing communication products, including action-oriented photographs, video clips, interviews, and key messages across various platforms such as Facebook and X. These activities are crucial for representing the needs of affected communities and highlighting the humanitarian efforts of the Red Cross Red Crescent.

Shelter Cluster Coordination

Objective:

To ensure a coordinated, comprehensive, quality, coherent and consistent response on Shelter and Settlements.

As co-lead of the Shelter Cluster, IFRC is coordinating with local authorities and partners to develop immediate response actions, map available resources, and ensure timely information sharing to address the shelter needs of affected communities.

Mozambique :

The coordination of the shelter cluster has enabled better integration of the National Society and the IFRC into the coordination structure for the northern region in Mozambique, led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). This ensures that there is no duplication of actions, and that the National Society/IFRC has up-to-date information on the needs generated by TC Chido, Dikeledi, and Jude, as well as the priorities in the sector response.

Cluster coordination is essential to support its partners in the processes of monitoring events and their impacts. It has been possible to effectively report impact figures, humanitarian priorities (geographic areas), and sectoral planning for the response. Shelter cluster is working in close coordination with local authorities to identify their response actions and analysing the potential humanitarian gap in the province of Zambezia.

In Mozambique, shelter cluster leadership is shared with IOM, who assume this responsibility for the northern region, provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa. This appeal initially responded to TC Chido and Dikeledi, which have impacted the province of Nampula, and therefore IOM leads the processes of developing sectoral strategies, plans, and objectives. For the central and southern regions, through the leadership of IFRC, preparation actions have been carried out for TC Jude, which entered Mozambique in the week of 10 March 2025. The IFRC, in its role as co-lead of the shelter cluster, supported dissemination of key information, mapping human and material resources, and coordinating closely with local authorities as well as other humanitarian actors to advance with needs assessments and possible response actions. In this sense, cluster coordination is also informing the HCT about potential intervention districts, the number of people in need, the number of people targeted for assistance, the type of activities, and the financial requirements of the sector.

In the various coordination platforms such as the ICCG, which serves as a bridge with the HCT, the shelter cluster coordination has reported on the main humanitarian challenges of the current rainy/cyclonic season.

The shelter cluster coordination has developed online training for cluster partners, and specific training for authorities at the national, provincial, and district levels. The topics so far have been "needs assessments" and "information management."

Considering the scarcity of resources in the sector, the cluster is also working on a historical analysis of the impact of weather events on people's shelter, with the aim of developing advocacy products that allow for capturing more resources for the sector.

In agreement with national authorities, the shelter cluster leads a coordination platform with government focal points at the national, provincial, and district levels, to improve information exchange and cluster-government coordination, especially at the field level, where more challenges arise.

Challenges:

- In the central and southern regions of the country, frequently hit by cyclones, heavy rains, and floods, sector resources are scarce. In recent years, cluster partners have prioritized the prolonged crisis in the northern region due to armed conflict.
- Since the end of 2024, the political situation has generated civil unrest nationwide, which, due to security concerns, has limited mobility and humanitarian assistance.

Learnings:

- The progress in government-cluster coordination has been significant, generating greater visibility and respect for the IFRC's humanitarian mandate for the shelter sector in Mozambique. The National Society and the IFRC are better integrated as shelter cluster partners at the national level.
- The integration of the National Society into the cluster structure takes time and still requires ongoing support. Improving information exchange processes can make a significant contribution to the Movement's positive image in the country.
- It is important to build capacity within the National Society regarding the cluster system, with the aim of achieving the following specific products:
 - Identification and integration of a focal point by sector in each active cluster.
 - Promote the National Society as co-leader of the cluster (in as many clusters as possible).

The direct participation of National Society members in various cluster meetings, to share information such as available resources and planned, ongoing, and completed response actions, is a good practice to adopt.



IFRC Secretariat Services

Objective:

To ensure comprehensive and coordinated response and readiness for tropical cyclones through provision of essential support to the National Societies and IFRC network including supply chain management PMER, information management and learning human resources, finance, security risk management; PMER, communications, and advocacy.

The IFRC will coordinate with in-country PNS wherever possible to align the Operational Strategy with existing programmes and activities to ensure the effective use of funds.

	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Target (Secretariat support)</i>	<i>Actual (Secretariat support)</i>	<i>Actual (Federation wide)</i>
Key indicators:	<i>Number of surge personnel/ rapid response members deployed to support the operation</i>	N/A	11	11
	<i>Percentage of financial reporting in compliance with IFRC procedures</i>	100	N/A	N/A
	<i>Percentage of compliance with IFRC safeguarding, child protection, and minimum PGI standards</i>	100	N/A	N/A

Supporting needs assessments, defining targeting criteria in the response phase, planning, capturing learning, reporting and evaluations.

- IFRC Secretariat field coordinators provided technical support to National Societies in needs assessments in Comoro, Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique.

Sharing forecast information and support the revision of contingency plans

The Regional Information Management (IM) team supported Tropical Cyclone Emergency Appeal at different phases of the operation.

- Communicating alerts to inform regional and cluster staff on forecast, trajectory and expected time and area of impact for any tropical storms and cyclones in coordination with information and bulletins shared by PIROI.
- Production and dissemination of (monthly or on-demand) Tropical Cyclone Risk Watches to anticipate risk impact and expected humanitarian consequences of tropical cyclone and floods throughout the season to enable operational preparedness and targeted interventions (from December 2024-April 2025).
- Providing updates on system status during weekly coordination calls involving IFRC Cluster, regional office and Secretariat IM and Operations colleagues.

Developing and maintaining a monitoring system of the operation, including an appropriate data-management mechanism

- A database was developed containing key information for each event, including number of people affected, displaced, at risk and people assisted by different response activities.
- Dashboard to monitor tropical cyclones and flood impacts was developed using the data collected on people affected, casualties and shelter/infrastructure damage.
- During Chido and Dikeledi emergency, the team ran crisis categorizations and drafted disaster briefs to rapidly inform decision-makers on operational priorities.
- Several maps and visuals have been produced to inform on areas affected, number of people affected and displaced for countries affected by Tropical Cyclones and Floods. These products were also used in several documents to support operations and logistics strategies in the different emergencies.
- PMER teams also developed a regional and country-level ITTs to improve the regular collection of data.

Establishing a mechanism and tools to capture and share real time learning in the operation.

- The IFRC Secretariat maintain close contact with the National Society to ensure that the operation is proceeding smoothly, adapting to the context as needed. There was regular face to face or online meeting to monitor the situation with the National Society, using monitoring tools as appropriate.
- At the Cluster delegation level, staff provided regular support to the operation, including the operations team, communication, planning monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER), Logistics, and Finance. Post-distribution monitoring is planned after each distribution.

Communications

The IFRC communications team is supporting information sharing through its platforms.

Mozambique

- Press release on Red Cross responds to cyclone Chido and scales up preparedness for future storms as initial assessments paint a grim picture on 26 December 2025 at IFRC website: <https://www.ifrc.org/press-release>
- IFRC Africa regional office deployed Senior Communications Officer to support and cover the distribution of relief items in Mossuril, Nampula, ensuring visibility of the humanitarian response.
- Shared distribution footage of relief items donated by the Government of Canada with the Canadian Red Cross communications team, who shared it on the Canadian Red Cross social media, as well as with the Government of Canada. Canadian Red Cross [@redcrosscanada.bsky.social](https://twitter.com/redcrosscanada)
- Posted a high-performing video on IFRC Africa's X page showcasing the relief distribution to families affected by the cyclone landfall – <https://x.com/IFRCAfrica/status/1892518400255033435>.

- Further disseminated the distribution coverage through the IFRC Mozambique Head of Delegation's account, amplifying the reach of the response- <https://x.com/NaemiHeita/status/1884907144530600295>. The Mozambique Red Cross did the same on their X account: https://x.com/Red_Cross_Moz/status/1888872939606467042.
- Live X interviews to provide updates on the various responses after TC Chido and other systems
- Posted information and response about Cyclone Jude on IFRC Africa's X page
- <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1XyahafL56/?mibextid=wwXlfr>
- https://x.com/ifrcfrica/status/1902374516866646177?s=46&t=YD9QXpiH_9k6f04hKWAjgg
- Published photographs and key messages at [shaRED](#)

Malawi

MRCs engaged local newspapers, which brought printed stories to the distributions

The following article was posted on the MRCs Facebook:

- https://www.facebook.com/malawiredcross/posts/pfbid02JmGbn8D8XsaTutmA4naF9xHtpgPDhhQUKhaK9UrbSoP8UfDfwgHedEmznNrgXGTxl?_rdc=1&_rdr#
- Posts were also made on X (formerly Twitter):
- (2) Malawi Red Cross Society on X: "[@MalawiRedCross](https://t.co/2qsVW6lmw4) with financial support from [@IFRC_DREF](#) continues to support beneficiaries of Tropical Cyclone Chido in four districts targeting 1,689 households. Today in Kasungu 673 families have received cash and non food items to help them as they recover. <https://t.co/2qsVW6lmw4>" / X
- (2) Malawi Red Cross Society on X: "Lyness Chazinya is 46 year old with two children. "I am so thankful to Red Cross for helping us, i will use the cash to buy cement and rebuild the part my house got damaged"she said. Another beneficiary Chifundo Chalema concurs with Chazinya. They are both grateful. <https://t.co/MVSMxXX72b>" / X
- (2) Malawi Red Cross Society on X: "MRCs Head of Disaster Management Patritck Phiri observed the need for more humanitarian assistance, as Chief Planning Officer George Mtengowadula thanked the Red cross for the support saying it was timely. <https://t.co/QUOhPREsY2>" / X

Logistics and supply chain

- **Mozambique:**
Following Tropical Cyclone Chido, relief items from PIROI's emergency procurement and a Canadian Red Cross in-kind donation was delivered in January 2025 to the Mozambique Red Cross Society. Airbus provided pro-bono air transport from Réunion Island. The mobilisation table for Mozambique was published on 14 March 2025. A new contribution from the French Government, facilitated through PIROI, provided 3000 tarpaulins, 1,500 shelter toolkits, 4,500 mosquito nets, and 2,500 buckets that were shipped from La Reunion to Maputo. The items were distributed in June to 1,500 HHs. Out of these items, 1,500 mosquito nets and 1,000 buckets were approved as readiness stock to be distributed during next cyclone season and are currently prepositioned in the warehouse in Nampula.
- **Malawi:**
The mobilisation table for Malawi was also published on 14 March 2025. IFRC has raised purchase requests totalling CHF 90,000 for pre-positioned stock dispatches from Dubai and Las Palmas, including blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, and tarpaulins. The NFIs including Solar lamps were all delivered to Malawi by June 2025.
- **Indian Ocean Islands (IOI):**

Coordination continues with PIROI to assess logistics needs in Madagascar and Comoros. The Comoros Red Crescent has indicated plans to procure hygiene kits. No mobilisation tables have been published for the islands. Logistics teams are awaiting procurement requests to initiate support.

Security

- IFRC provided pre-deployment security briefings to surge members travelling to field locations ensuring staff have an understanding of security risks, mitigation, and contingency and have capacity to implement measures.
- The IFRC also provided Field movement support to all staff deployed in the field inclusive of situational updates, ad hoc route and accommodation assessments, overall security risk analysis and assessment for affected provinces.
- Support to the National Societies in regard to security information sharing and reporting, access to security training resources for staff and volunteers, and joint security assessment of affected locations.
- Weekly SMT meetings conducted to discuss in-country developments and assess impact on security of personnel, assets and operations and review contingency and other measures.

Surge capacity/ Rapid response management system

- The IFRC deployed 11 surge profiles to support the operation. This includes a regional operational manager, a regional supply chain coordinator, a regional PMER coordinator, and three field coordinators (each for Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique), a supply chain coordinator for Mozambique and a finance and administration coordinator for Comoros. Likewise, there was deployment of Shelter Cluster Coordinator; first rotation completed and second rotation is ongoing.
- The regional surge team, comprising of the ops manager, regional supply chain coordinator, and PMER coordinator were based on Mozambique, but with scope for travel to other countries as needed.
- At the end of the surge period a transition plan was done in collaboration with all the clusters to ensure a smooth transition.

Country of Deployment	Profile	Sending NS/IFRC	Deployment Length
Mozambique	Field Coordinator, 2nd Rotation	IFRC Africa	1
Mozambique	Shelter Cluster Coordinator	IFRC Geneva	1
Mozambique	Shelter Cluster Coordinator, 2 nd rotation	IFRC Geneva	1
Mozambique	Operations Manager	The Canadian Red Cross Society	2
Mozambique	Regional PMER Coordinator	Nepal Red Cross Society	1
Mozambique	Regional Supply Chain Coordinator	IFRC Africa	3
Malawi	Field Coordinator	Danish Red Cross	2
Comoros (the)	Finance Officer	IFRC Africa	2
Madagascar	Field Coordinator	The Canadian Red Cross Society	1
Mozambique	Field Coordinator	Argentine Red Cross	1
Mozambique	Supply Chain Coordinator	Danish Red Cross	1

D.FUNDING

The Emergency Appeal coverage is 51.5 per cent (including in-kind donations) against the IFRC Secretariat funding requirement of CHF 6 million. This regional EA also received a DREF loan for CHF 2.75M, which was distributed among Mozambique, Madagascar, Malawi, Comoros and coordination costs.

The IFRC expresses its gratitude to donors and kindly encourages further contributions to fill the remaining gap to enable the National Societies, with the support of the IFRC, to continue with humanitarian assistance efforts as well as the ongoing preparedness actions and response to the TC season.

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Reference documents

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief, the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable, to **Principles of Humanitarian Action** and **IFRC policies and procedures**. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

Operational Strategy

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2024/12-2025/06	Operation	MDRS1005
Budget Timeframe	2024/12-2025/12	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 10 Dec 2025

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRS1005 - Africa - Cyclone Chido

Operating Timeframe: 17 Dec 2024 to 31 Dec 2025; appeal launch date: 17 Dec 2024

I. Emergency Appeal Funding Requirements

Total Funding Requirements	6,000,000
Donor Response* as per 10 Dec 2025	3,089,996
Appeal Coverage	51.50%

II. IFRC Operating Budget Implementation

Planned Operations / Enabling Approaches	Op Budget	Expenditure	Variance
PO01 - Shelter and Basic Household Items	493,130	390,016	103,114
PO02 - Livelihoods	37,500	19,681	17,819
PO03 - Multi-purpose Cash	188,550	148,203	40,347
PO04 - Health	66,428	42,257	24,171
PO05 - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	121,854	101,366	20,488
PO06 - Protection, Gender and Inclusion	18,292	10,805	7,487
PO07 - Education	39,915	0	39,915
PO08 - Migration	0	0	0
PO09 - Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery	715,814	300,239	415,576
PO10 - Community Engagement and Accountability	57,528	35,673	21,855
PO11 - Environmental Sustainability	0	0	0
Planned Operations Total	1,739,011	1,048,241	690,770
EA01 - Coordination and Partnerships	0	1,621	-1,621
EA02 - Secretariat Services	642,292	268,662	373,630
EA03 - National Society Strengthening	511,849	205,000	306,849
Enabling Approaches Total	1,154,140	475,282	678,858
Grand Total	2,893,151	1,523,523	1,369,628

III. Operating Movement & Closing Balance per 2025/06

Opening Balance	0
Income (includes outstanding DREF Loan per IV.)	3,122,940
Expenditure	-1,523,523
Closing Balance	1,599,417
Deferred Income	0
Funds Available	1,599,417

IV. DREF Loan

* not included in Donor Response	Loan :	2,750,000	Reimbursed :	0	Outstanding :	2,750,000
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V. Contributions by Donor and Other Income

Opening Balance							0
Income Type	Cash	InKind Goods	InKind Personnel	Other Income	TOTAL	Deferred Income	
DREF Response Pillar				2,750,000	2,750,000		
European Commission - DG ECHO	188,058				188,058		
Japanese Red Cross Society	29,378				29,378		
On Line donations	790				790		
The Canadian Red Cross Society	125,344	29,370			154,714		
Total Contributions and Other Income	343,570	29,370	0	2,750,000	3,122,940	0	
Total Income and Deferred Income					3,122,940	0	