



**Mozambique:
Cyclone Chido Response Situation Report
December 2024**



Picture 1: Live Picture of Displaced Families, Nampula Province December 2024

Name of Emergency: Cyclone Chido - Mozambique

Disaster Alert Level: Medium Level Emergency

SitRep Number: #1

Date of SitRep: 31st December 2024

Date of next scheduled SitRep: 6th January 2025

Situation Report (SitRep) are the main reporting tool to report on ChildFund and WeWorld humanitarian response. They provide an update on the situation and needs of affected population in Mozambique. This sitrep covers the response in Memba, and Chiure districts located in Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The cyclone has resulted in at least 94 fatalities and approximately 740 injuries. An estimated 622,000 people have been affected, with over 39,100 homes destroyed.
- The UN Emergency Relief Coordinator has allocated US\$4 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to support early humanitarian response.
- Approximately 90,000 children have been impacted by the cyclone, facing heightened risks due to displacement and the disruption of essential services.
- The security situation, particularly in Cabo Delgado and Nampula, remains precarious, exacerbated by ongoing political unrest following contested elections in October 2024.
- Due to the volatile security environment, humanitarian organizations, including ChildFund and WeWorld, are experiencing limitations on movement.

FUNDING OVERVIEW AND PARTNERSHIPS

ChildFund and WeWorld in Mozambique members of ChildFund alliance has established offices in Nampula and Cabo Delgado Provinces, and strong relationships with local governments, communities, and civil society to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to affected communities. According to initial assessments, a minimum of US\$2 million is required to address urgent needs and support the response in this province. ChildFund has already mobilized US\$70,000 to meet immediate needs, with a specific focus on Child Protection in Emergencies benefiting a total of 1,200 children and families in Memba district, Nampula province. This includes the establishment of 8 Child-Friendly Spaces and the distribution of school kits for 675 children, and 120 teacher kits impacted by the cyclone in the area of Memba province, particularly those affected by the destruction in 15 schools. In Cabo Delgado province, WeWorld is actively participating in the humanitarian cluster and swiftly responded in the Chiure district supporting a total of 7,280 individuals, including children, students, girls, and adolescents. ChildFund and WeWorld team finalized their response plan will be published January 4th, 2025.

SITUATIONAL UPDATE

As of December 27, 2024, OCHA reports that Cyclone Chido has severely impacted Mozambique, particularly the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa¹. The cyclone has affected over 453,971 people, with at least 77,000 individuals receiving assistance within 12 days of its impact². Humanitarian efforts have been mobilized, including the deployment of field teams to provide urgent aid, while multi-sectoral assessments are ongoing in the hardest-hit areas³.

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¹ Updates on the humanitarian situation in Mozambique and other affected regions, refer to OCHA's news coverage at <https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-syria-lebanon-mozambique>.

² Cyclone Chido and preparedness efforts for future storms in Mozambique, see the Red Cross report on ReliefWeb at <https://reliefweb.int/report/mozambique/red-cross-responds-cyclone-chido-and-scales-preparedness-future-storms-initial>.

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³ The Red Cross response to Cyclone Chido and its efforts to scale preparedness for future storms, refer to the IFRC press release at <https://www.ifrc.org/press-release/red-cross-responds-cyclone-chido-and-scales-preparedness-future-storms-initial>.

ongoing political unrest following the contested elections in October 2024. In Nampula, rural areas and villages have experienced significant turmoil, with clashes between protesters and security forces further destabilizing the region⁴. The political environment has created limitations on movement for humanitarian staff, including those from ChildFund and WeWorld, hindering the delivery of critical aid to cyclone-affected populations. However, both organizations under the ChildFund Alliance were able to finalize the multi-sectoral assessments and planning to launch response in some of the hardest-hit areas.

ChildFund and WeWorld are working closely with local authorities to navigate limitation of movement, but the volatile situation continues to pose significant risks to aid operations and the safety of relief workers. The situation remains fluid, with the number of affected individuals expected to increase as assessments progress. **OCHA** underscores the urgent need for sustained support to meet the immediate needs of affected populations and to facilitate recovery efforts

SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

Rapid Assessment: ChildFund and We World, in collaboration with partners and government officials, conducted a rapid needs assessment in Memba District, Nampula Province and Chiure district in Cabo Delgado Province, revealing several critical concerns: **Protection Incidents:** The assessment identified key protection incidents resulting from the crises, including gender-based assaults and physical violence. Additional concerns reported were violence against the elderly, discrimination, and looting of personal belongings. Vulnerable groups identified include children with disabilities and unaccompanied and separated minors. **Educational Impact:** Numerous schools were destroyed, with 15 heavily impacted in Memba District, leading to significant infrastructure damage and the loss of educational materials. This destruction has disrupted the education of thousands of children in the area. Additionally, 8 schools in Chiure District (Cabo Delgado Province) have been significantly damaged, further affecting

access to education for children in this region.

WASH Facilities: Most existing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities were damaged, exacerbating hygiene and sanitation challenges. The destruction of these facilities increases the risk of waterborne diseases and poses a significant health threat to the affected populations. WeWorld plans to distribute Dignity Kits for Menstrual Hygiene Management and organize Students' Life Skills Activities to address specific needs of children and adolescents, particularly girls, in the Chiure District.

Child Protection: In Memba District, ChildFund is planning to launch and establish 8 Child-Friendly Spaces in the administrative posts of Chipene, Mazua, and Lurio to provide psychological support and protection services for an estimate of 600 children. The spaces will also serve as interim facilities until the reconstruction of schools is completed. Additionally, 10 awareness campaigns reaching 2000 community members will be organized to safely refer distress children and families to counseling services and peer support groups provided in Child-Friendly Spaces run by ChildFund and for other services provided by peer organizations. In Chiure District, WeWorld is planning protection-related activities to benefit a total of 7,280 children. These activities include School-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), training on Violence Against Children (VAC) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV), and sessions focusing on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), aimed at supporting both children and the wider community in the aftermath of the cyclone.

Psychosocial support activities, including training for animators in Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) and members of child protection committees, to equip them with the skills to identify distressed children and refer them to appropriate care services.

Access to Education: The cyclone has caused significant damage to local schools, including 15 schools in Memba District and 8 in Chiure district. While children are currently on their annual holiday, the next school year starting in February provides an opportunity for preparation. As part of its response, ChildFund International (CFI) will support 675 children with school supplies and provide 120 teacher kits to

⁴ AP News. "6,000 inmates escape from a high-security prison as post-election violence roils Mozambique." December 25, 2024. Available at

<https://apnews.com/article/c8e63a5b622316203371b2af258ded3b>

facilitate the resumption of education, in Memba district and 7280 children with Recreational Kits, implementation of Accelerated Learning Programs (ALP), Recreational Activities, Catch-Up and Remedial Classes, Small Repairs of Classrooms, and the Setting Up of Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) alongside school rehabilitation.

WASH: The WASH situation in Mozambique has deteriorated significantly, particularly in the affected provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa. Many water sources, including boreholes and wells, have been contaminated or destroyed, leaving communities with limited access to safe drinking water. Sanitation infrastructure, including latrines and septic systems, has been severely damaged or washed away, increasing the risk of open defecation and waterborne diseases such as cholera and diarrhoea. The destruction of WASH facilities in schools and health centers further compounds the challenges, particularly for children and vulnerable populations, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive interventions to restore access to clean water, rebuild sanitation facilities, and promote hygiene education.

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