



### BACKGROUND

Tropical Cyclone Idai that tore through the eastern parts of Zimbabwe since Friday 15 March 2019 has now receded to a depression as death toll continues to rise in Manicaland, Masvingo, and Mashonaland East provinces of Zimbabwe. The hardest hit province is Manicaland where Chimanimani and Chipinge districts remain inaccessible due to heavy rains, strong winds, earth sliding which has damaged roads and main access bridges. The vicious Cyclone Idai has left more than a hundred dead in its wake in Zimbabwe.

### CURRENT SITUATION

 <b>+/- 54,000</b> Affected Households (HHs)	 <b>18,000</b> Affected HHs in need of NFI and Shelter	 <b>181</b> Deaths	 <b>&lt;200</b> Injuries	 <b>&lt;500</b> Missing
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**NB: While these estimations figures are reported by the Government, IOM is making efforts to verify the numbers**

- According to the Manicaland progress report 25 March 2019, the death toll remains at 181 in Manicaland with Chimanimani recording the highest number of deaths, and over 200 people are reported injured in Chimanimani and Chipinge.
- 270,000 persons (54,000 households) are in need of support across all sectors (UN Inter-cluster meeting, 26 March 2019), of the 270,000 persons, nearly 240,000 are in Chimanimani and Chipinge Districts.
- 1,263 households have been damaged in Mutare district.
- 584 households were completely destroyed whilst 2,290 were damaged in Buhera.
- 18,000 households need of emergency shelter and NFI, which include Chimanimani 8,000, Chipinge 3,000, Buhera 1,000 and Mutare 4,000.
- More than 500 people are still missing in Rusitu Valley in Chimanimani District as rescue efforts are being hampered by damaged access roads.

### INITIAL DAMAGES

#### Education

- Madhomeni an area in Copa with a local primary school is missing 38 teachers and students who are feared dead.
- A total of 53 schools were damaged in the districts of Chimanimani, Chipinge and Buhera in Manicaland.

#### Food Security and Crops

- Food has been distributed in Chipinge ward 1 to ward 30.
- A total of 27 food distribution points will be established in Chimanimani while 38 food distribution points will be established in Chipinge next week.

#### Health

- Heightened risk to water borne diseases due to impeding access to safe water for the affected communities
- Health personnel teams are assessing Malaria and Cholera cases which are likely to develop due to limited access to safe water.

- Water supply stations which were initially affected in Chipinge have been restored and are now operational including hospital.
- Shortage of drugs at Chipinge Hospital has been reported.

### Infrastructure

- Roads leading to Kopa once inaccessible have been repaired; two roadways have been created to reach Kopa area i.e. via Chipinge and via Roscommon.
- Most roads that were damaged in Gaza, Chipinge have been repaired.
- 95% of the roads and bridges have been damaged along the direct route to the hotspots of Ngangu, Charles Lwanga, Copper Growth point and Chikukwa in Chimanimani. The damaged bridges are Mhandarume, Matsororo, Mvumvumu, Biriri, Muusha Primary School and Nyahode.

### Shelter

- Chimanimani Golf course measuring 1 hectares and Chimanimani Arboretum measuring 2,5 hectares have been identified for camp construction for displaced persons.

### NEEDS AND GAPS

- Camp coordination and camp management needs improvements to support the security sector which is currently overseeing all camp operations.
- Lack of transport to access damaged roads is affecting the construction of household tents.
- Whilst delivered materials are still warehouse under the custodian of state security efforts to improve accountability and documentation on distributed materials are ongoing.
- Need to work closely with Ministry of Public Works in the construction of tents that have already been distributed to communities.
- Funding is a serious concern as the needs are increasing and stretching available resources.

### IOM's RESPONSE

Coordination meetings are still ongoing at National, Provincial and District level in Harare with the GoZ, Provincial and district level in Manicaland and IOM is the Shelter and NFI cluster lead.

- 200 tents have been set up in Ndiyadzo ward 9, Chipinge
- IOM has erected 6 tents at the Chimanimani Arboretum Campsite.
- Shelter and NF cluster held a meeting which has improved coordination and mapping of delivery of materials across all affected districts.
- IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team is on the ground to verify and generate accurate numbers of affected population and their life saving needs in 4 districts (Chimanimani, Chipinge, Mutare and Buhera);
- DTM and CCCM emergency experts have already been deployed;
- Construction teams have been deployed to support the capacity of communities during construction of shelter structures
- IOM partner Counselling Service Unit (CSU) will start providing psychosocial support to affected victims in Chimanimani and Chipinge;
- Efforts to standardize the shelter material and NFI kits and response material has been done across all cluster partners
- IOM partners, Partnership for Development Initiative(PDI) and International Institute for Development Initiative (IIDF) have started construction of emergency shelter materials in Chimanimani and Chipinge supporting the Ministry of public works;