

TROPICAL STORM CHALANE

UNFPA MOZAMBIQUE RESPONSE IN SOFALA PROVINCE



Photo: Dignity Kits, to support vulnerable women and girls arrive in Sofala Province following Tropical Storm Chalane

Preliminary reports of damage (INGC, 4 Jan):

- 21 health units
- 87 schools
- 25,000+ homes



Situational Overview

Tropical Storm Chalane crossed central Mozambique on December 30, 2020, sustaining winds of 90km/h upon making landfall in Sofala Province. In Sofala Province, affected areas, include Gorongosa, Muanza, Nhamatanda, Dondo, Beira, Cheringoma, Chibabava, and Buzi districts.

The impact area of Storm Chalane overlaps areas recovering from Cyclone Idai (following landfall in March 2019), presenting risks for internally displaced people living in temporary or semi-permanent homes.

Impacted Areas

The infrastructure damage of health units/hospitals may impact the availability and delivery of maternal and sexual and reproductive health services and consultations.

Within the province, approximately 90,000 displaced people reside in resettlement sites in Mandruzi, Estaquina, Mutua, Savene, and Metuchira districts.

UNFPA's response efforts (as of 5 Jan)

- Supported **preparedness efforts** linked to GBV and sexual and reproductive health service provision.
- **Assessed damages** to health centers, rural hospitals, and resettlement areas through a mission led by the Government and partners to the most-affected districts of Sofala province.
- **2,000 dignity kits** sent to Sofala Province, with items including soap, capulanas, menstruation pads, light, and whistle, to support the health, hygiene, and safety of women and girls.
- **15 tents (24sqm in size)**, including equipment and furniture, provided to support the continuity of sexual and reproductive health services and/or serve as women-friendly spaces.
- **Equipment shipped and three vehicles** made available to the National Disasters Management Institute (INGC) and the Provincial Government (DPS).
- **100 liters of fuel** provided to rural hospitals to power operating room generators and ensure continuity of life-saving emergency surgical procedures.

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UNFPA Mozambique is on the front-lines, together with Government and partners, responding to humanitarian crises, and focusing on providing life-saving assistance for women, girls, and those most vulnerable.

- Dr. Eduardo Celades, Deputy Representative, ai

