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<p>Appeal No: <b>MDRMW015</b></p>	<p>Secretariat funding requirements: <b>CHF 4,500,000</b></p>	<p>Federation Wide funding requirements: <b>CHF 6,500,000</b></p>
<p>Glide No: <a href="#">SS-2021-000196-MWI</a></p>	<p>People affected: <b>536,352 people affected by floods</b></p>	<p>People to be assisted: <b>160,000 (32,000 households)</b></p>
<p>DREF allocation: <b>CHF 750,000 (DREF Loan – of which CHF 474,698 released <a href="#">MDRMW015</a>)</b></p>	<p>Appeal launched: <b>24/01/2022</b></p>	<p>Appeal ends: <b>30/06/2023</b></p>

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Tropical Storm Ana struck Madagascar<sup>1</sup>, Mozambique<sup>2</sup> and Malawi with high winds and torrential rains, leaving at least 80 people dead across borders. The region has been repeatedly struck by severe storms and cyclones in recent years, taking lives, destroying homes, infrastructure and crops and displacing large numbers of people. In some cases, the communities struck again were still recovering from previous disasters, compounding the impact.

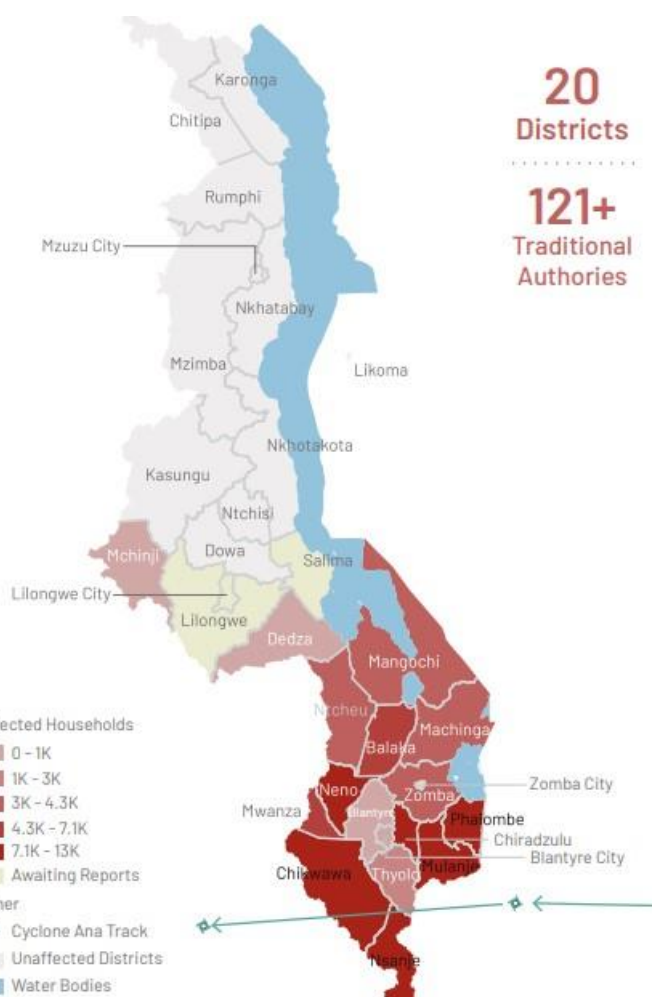
Tropical Storm Ana lashed the Southern and Central Districts of Malawi from Monday 24 January, bringing strong winds and heavy rains. In a matter of hours communities were being washed out by significant floods. Some of the areas affected by Ana were already suffering from floods due to the ongoing rainy season.

According to the Government of Malawi – Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) as of 31 January, 37 people have been reported dead, 22 missing and 158 injured. Over 193,558 households (948,434 people) are affected, and 740 hectares of crops have been destroyed. Before this disaster the areas impacted were already under Integrated Food security Phase IPC2 and IPC3 (People stressed and people in crisis classification).

Some 143 emergency camps have been set up to deal with thousands of displaced and injured people. 22,364 households (109,359 people) are currently hosted in these camps. Households displaced are currently seeking refuge in designated camps, churches, schools and other public structures. The region around Mulanje in Southern Malawi was particularly affected.

Bridges were washed away by swollen rivers, while livestock drowned and fields were submerged, destroying the livelihoods of rural families. Damage is also reported to public infrastructure (health facilities, churches and schools including damage to teaching materials). The country remains in intermittent power supply as power generation has been heavily reduced due to the damage that the floods have caused to key hydro station

In a statement released on 26 January, the Government of Malawi declared a state of disaster in 15 districts in the southern and central regions, and search and rescue operations are a priority. The Government appealed for humanitarian assistance. According to DoDMA there is an urgent need to support displaced people in the camps with food and essential households' items (EHI) such as blankets, cooking utensils, etc. and shelter items (tents, tarpaulin, etc.); to support injured people with



<sup>1</sup> A DREF has been released for Madagascar – [MDRMG018](#)

<sup>2</sup> A separate Emergency Appeal is ongoing for Mozambique and has been revised for the response to TS Ana

mobile clinics; and to provide water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) support with wash equipment, hand washing facilities, aqua tabs, temporary latrines, dignity kits etc.



Meanwhile, weather services in the region have warned of another storm building in the Indian Ocean, which may materialise in the coming days. More storms would usually be expected before the end of the season in two months' time.

## TARGETING


This Emergency Appeal will support **160,000 people (32,000 households<sup>3</sup>)** directly impacted by Tropical Storm Ana with emergency response and recovery support. This Appeal will absorb and scale up the ongoing Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS) floods response in **Salima, Nsanje and Chikwawa** supported by a [DREF allocation \(MDRMW015\)](#) since December 2021. This operation will expand the response to additional affected districts and the most vulnerable communities – prioritizing **Phalombe, Zomba, Blantyre, Chiradzulu, Thyolo, Mulanje, Balaka, Machinga, Mangochi, Neno, Mwanza, Mchinji, and Dedza** districts. The response will focus on the immediate needs of families displaced and hosted in camps, support them to return to their homes and start to rebuild their houses and livelihoods with a long-term disaster risk reduction component. The final selection and targeting will be confirmed when complete needs assessment data has been received.

## PLANNED OPERATIONS

Through this Emergency Appeal, the IFRC is seeking a total of CHF 6.5M to support MRCS in its response to tropical storm Ana. The strategy presented is based on a Federation-wide approach and therefore incorporates support from all IFRC membership. The IFRC response will focus on the following sectors:

	<p><b>Integrated Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities will be supported with short, medium and long-term shelter and settlement assistance. Including immediate assistance to those displaced and in camps. Additional support for families to return to their home with shelter kits and essential household items.</li> <li>• Communities will be supported with basic needs assistance for livelihoods including food and unconditional/multipurpose cash grants.</li> <li>• Household livelihoods is enhanced through food production and income generating activities restoration through distribution of productive assets to farmers (seeds, tools, poultry, livestock feeding) via cash grants or voucher intervention, technical support, and vocational training programs.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Health &amp; Care including Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided including setting up and equipping of Community Health Mobilization Points, support to national vaccination activities, maternal and infant health care, social mobilization, and risk communication activities in malaria, AWD, HIV, TB, malnutrition and COVID-19.</li> <li>• Communities are supported to effectively respond to health and psychosocial needs including through training of volunteers and staff (psychological first aid and psychosocial support), and delivery of psychosocial support.</li> <li>• Communities are supported through immediate risk reduction of waterborne and water related diseases; and are provided with daily access to safe water meeting Sphere and WHO standards. The operation will promote behavioral change in personal and community hygiene along with distribution of household hygiene kits and conducting hygiene promotion sessions.</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> Average household size is 5 people/HH.

	<p><b>Protection and Prevention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and equitable access to basic services is ensured, considering different needs based on gender and other diversity factors, through protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) informed multi-sectors needs assessment to identify and address gender and specific needs and protection risks.</li> <li>• Support includes prevention and response to sexual-and gender-based violence and all forms of violence against children.</li> <li>• Communities are supported to take active steps to strengthen their preparedness for timely and effective response to disasters by training local community disaster management committees, including ongoing preparations for this floods and cyclone season - updating MRCS contingency plan, emergency simulation exercises, and prepositioning of stocks.</li> <li>• Climate change and environmental protection considerations are integrated by implementing green solutions, ensuring recovery programmes apply nature-based solutions where feasible, and conducting tree planting and reforestation activities.</li> </ul>
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## Enabling approaches

The sectors outlined above will be supported and enhanced by the following enabling approaches:

	<p><b>Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community members in the target areas will be involved as fully as possible throughout the response phase to increase their ownership of the response</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Coordination and partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of the response through a Federation-wide approach including reporting, management, and technical services.</li> <li>• Strengthen coordination and partnerships within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and with relevant external actors.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Secretariat services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Resources; Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, &amp; Reporting (PMER); Information technology (IT); Information Management (IM); Logistics; Finance and Administration; Communications and advocacy; Security: Resource mobilization.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>National Society Strengthening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Federation-wide plans for National Society capacity strengthening in emergency response including technical staff, resource mobilization, and increasing strategic partnerships to enable MRCS to respond faster to emergencies, with systems in place to quickly scale-up operations as needed.</li> <li>• Support National Society Development including preparedness and response capacity.</li> <li>• Strengthen capabilities for response in strategically located branches and volunteers.</li> </ul>

The planned response reflects the current situation and is based on the information available at the time of this Emergency Appeal launch. Details of the operation will be updated through the Operational Strategy to be released in the upcoming days. This Emergency Appeal is part of a Federation-wide approach, based on MRCS response priorities and in consultation with all Federation members contributing to the response. The Federation-wide funding requirement comprises all support and funding to be channeled to MRCS in the response to this emergency. This includes MRCS domestic fundraising ask, the fundraising ask of supporting Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and the fundraising ask of the IFRC Secretariat to support the emergency response.



# RED CROSS RED CRESCENT PRESENCE IN COUNTRY

## Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS)

MRCS was established by ACT 51 of 1966 Parliament as an auxiliary to Government of Malawi. The National Society is a volunteer-based organization, which has **33 Divisions** (Administrative Structures) and a network of more than **76,000 volunteers** and **372 staff** present in all the 28 districts of Malawi. MRCS is already responding on the ground with the support of the DREF allocated in December 2021. Key ongoing activities includes:

- Rapid needs assessment.
- Search and Rescue.
- Provision of psychological first aid.
- Sensitization of affected households on hygiene and sanitation to reduce risk of waterborne diseases.
- Distribution of EHIs.



Partners consortium in support to TS Ana response. ©MRCS

### IFRC membership coordination

The IFRC Harare Country Cluster Delegation continues to provide coordination and technical support to MRCS in addition to the [DREF floods](#) launched in December and a [second allocation](#) granted on 26 January. IFRC will maintain a high level of support remotely and through regular monitoring visits during the course of the operation. Remote communications and resource mobilization support is provided through the IFRC South Africa Country Cluster Delegation and IFRC Africa Regional Office. In case of further deterioration of the situation the IFRC Country Cluster Delegation remains on standby to support with surge deployment.

Partners who support MRCS include a consortium of in-country partner National Societies led by Danish Red Cross with Icelandic Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross. The Netherlands Red Cross are also member of this consortium but supporting remotely. The Federation-wide approach for this response will build on this active consortium and the weekly coordination held with the IFRC through the support of the IFRC Senior Coordination Officer based in MRCS HQ, in Lilongwe. Danish, Swiss and Netherland Red Cross are already mobilizing resources to support 11,500 households thanks to the Danish Red Cross emergency funds, pre-positioned ECHO funded essential household items and crisis modifier.

### Movement coordination

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has no permanent presence in country but organizes regular visits to support restoring family links (RFL) in emergencies. IFRC, partner National Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are also meeting on a regular basis for Movement Coordination.

**External coordination**

In view of its auxiliary role, MRCS is formally part of national disaster management mechanisms. MRCS sits on the National Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee (NDPRC) that comprises of Principal Secretaries of all line ministries and departments, and three Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Currently the support from the international humanitarian actors is limited, restricted by access and available resources. Increased support is expected as the impact and corresponding needs become clear. OCHA are scaling up their coordination and reporting capacity and will be based in Blantyre. The Department of Disaster Management Affairs has set up an Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) at Blantyre District Council offices where government officers and partners are operating from as they respond to tropical storm Ana. MRCS and IFRC participate actively in this coordination mechanism. The EOC has been strategically set up in Blantyre to enhance coordination of response activities as it a central point to all the affected districts. Cluster leads, co-leads and members are currently operating from the EOC as they respond to the needs of the affected people.

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