

Early Action Protocol activation

General Overview:

The Mozambique Red Cross Society (Cruz Vermelha de Moçambique, CVM) has activated its Early Action Protocol (EAP) for floods, due to Tropical Storm "Ana", initially formed over the east coast of Madagascar that later evolved into a moderate tropical storm and made a landfall in Angoche district, Nampula province, on 24 January. In this case the trigger for the cyclone EAP activation was not reached (of >120km/hr) but the National Society requested a [DREF for an imminent crisis](#) to conduct some early action and early response.

Upon landfall, the storm headed west southwest further inland bringing torrential rains and rising river levels in the provinces of Zambezi, Tete, Manica and Sofala. The National Hydrological-Meteorological Service (DNGRH) issued a first flood alert level (6 meter) for Licungo river on 24 January. The ECMWF Global Flood Awareness System (GLOFAS), on 25 January, forecasted flood of 1 in 5 years return period on 26 and 27 January 2022 in most of the river basins in Zambezi and Nampula provinces.

Of particular concern is the floods in Licungo river, which according to GLOFAS, was very likely to reach the EAP triggers, i.e., a flood of 1 in 5 years return period on 26-27 January. While GLOFAS is an important reference and a probabilistic forecast, the activation decision depended on the water level forecast from INAM and DHGRH.

Early Action targeting

The DNGRH, on 25 January afternoon, advised that the EAP trigger level had been reached (8.34 meter) at Mocuba station (E-91) of Licungo. Based on the DHGRH forecast, CVM decided to activate the flood EAP in Bairro CFM, SACRAS, SAMORA MACHEL, and BAIXO LICUNGO in Mocuba district along the Licungo basin. Through the activation, about 1,500 families (7,500 people) are expected to benefit through the the flood anticipatory actions.

Overview of the Early Actions

Areas of Focus



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

People targeted: 7500

Male: 3750

Female:3750

Early Actions

Distribution of chlorine, buckets, and cups

- Sensitization of correct use of water purifier (chlorine / Certeza)
- Distribution of buckets with lid 1x20 litres
- Distribution of a mug with lid
- Distribution of *Certeza* bottles

Distribution of mosquito nets

- The early actions will contribute to 1500 families having access to mosquito neta. The distribution will take place in the designated evacuation centres.



Disaster Risk Reduction

People targeted: 7500

Male: 3750

Female:3750

Early Actions

- Activating CVM volunteers: Travel to relevant communities to reinforce the warning and advise on recommended activities
- Awareness Messages: Information on safe evacuation routes, location of temporary accommodation sites, important items to bring in case of evacuation, emergency contact numbers etc. disseminated through public radios, megaphones, and community meetings so that a greater number of families are informed about the event expected to happen, possible impacts and recommended measures to be taken to minimize them.
- Organization of transport and evacuation: If deemed relevant by INGC, CVM can make use of the experience of its volunteers who know well the local terrain (evacuation routes) and the areas considered safe.
- Distribution of vacuum plastic bags for protection of personal documents

Reference documents



Click here for:

- [EAP summary](#)

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protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.