



Japan provides further support to Cyclone Idai relief efforts in Zimbabwe

On 23 April 2019, the Government of Japan decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid of US\$ 0.6 million to assist the people of Zimbabwe affected by Cyclone Idai. This support to Zimbabwe is part of the wider assistance of US\$ 11.7 million that Japan is providing for cyclone relief efforts in the three affected countries of the region - Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Japan's support will provide immediate humanitarian aid in the areas of food assistance; protection for vulnerable people; provision of shelter/non-food items; camp coordination and camp management; as well as early recovery. It will be provided through the UN agencies including WFP, UNICEF and IOM.

It is estimated that in Zimbabwe 270 000 people in seven districts have been affected by the cyclone, with Chimanimani and Chipinge districts being the worst affected districts and suffering extensive damage to homes, crops, and livestock. The cyclone has compounded the already critical food insecurity situation in the country as a result of one of the worst droughts on record, leaving some 5,3 million people in need of food assistance.

The expected outcomes of this assistance are as follows:

- Food assistance to meet the nutritional needs of 26 200 vulnerable people while also preventing further deterioration of their food security status.
- 5 000 government and NGO staff trained on protection of sexual exploitation and child abuse in emergencies.
- 15 000 children and 8 000 young mothers provided with sanitary kits and reached by participatory community outreach.
- Provision of shelter/non-food items to 1 000 people.

On 29 March 2019, Japan also provided emergency relief goods, including tents, portable jerry cans, water purifiers, water treatment chemicals, plastic sheet tarpaulins, and generators to provide immediate shelter and clean water for the people most affected by the cyclone.