



CDD appeals for solidarity with the victims of tropical cyclone “Combe”

- Due to its geographical location, Mozambique is one of the most exposed countries to natural disasters, with particular emphasis on tropical cyclones. Last Friday, March 11, the province of Ampulla was hit by tropical cyclone “Combe”, the third to affect Mozambique in 2022. The Tropical Cyclone “Combe” entered Mozambique with winds and gusts of 165 and 200 kilometres, respectively. The coastal district of Mossoro was the storm’s gateway.





As of yesterday, March 14, authorities were reporting 15 deaths and more than 50 people injured, and a trace of destruction. Some 12,000 homes were totally destroyed and 11,000 were partially, leaving thousands of families out in the cold. Tropical Cyclone “Combe” also totally and partially destroyed 16 health units and 113 schools, affecting about 15,000 students.

Regarding access roads, the destruction of two bridges was recorded and five (5) roads became impassable due to the destruction caused by the rains that fell following the passage of the cyclone. The collapse of 141 electricity transmission poles left several districts of Ampulla in the dark.

A total of 100,441 people were affected by the cyclone, mostly in the districts of Monticulle, Monaco, Mossoro and Ilya de Mozambique, all in Ampulla province. Twenty-five transit centres have been opened to accommodate about 12,000 people who lost their homes, of which 22 are in Ampulla and only three (3) in Zambezi

province.

In this moment of pain and consternation, the CDD would like, on the one hand, to express its solidarity with all those affected, and on the other, to urge Mozambicans to support their fellow citizens affected by the cyclone. The CDD will lead a solidarity campaign that will consist in collecting non-perishable goods, including school supplies, to help the victims of yet another extreme event. The locations where the goods can be channelled will be announced soon.

The CDD calls on the Government to create the conditions that will allow the victims of cyclone “Combe” to return to their normal lives as soon as possible. The Government must invest in the fast replacement of destroyed social and economic infrastructure, always keeping in mind the need to care for the quality and resilience of the works. It makes no sense that roads and bridges rebuilt a year ago have not withstood the effects of cyclone “Combe”.





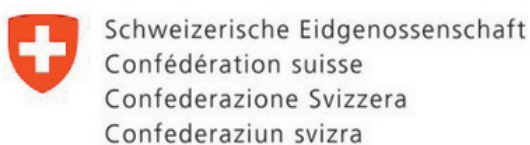
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