SITUATION REPORT UNICEF MOZAMBIQUE
Reporting period: February 13-14, 2013
Flood Emergency Preparedness and Response

Highlights – Gaza Province
- Over 959 children have undergone nutritional assessment in Chiaquelane
- Water quality from all the water points in the camps of Chokwe, Macias and Guija are being tested
- Another 200 learners’ kits were distributed in the province
- Video projections through multimedia mobile unit are on-going; 33 sessions have been conducted so far in Chokwe and Chibuto, reaching around 4,000 people per day

Northern Mozambique – Alert
- In the Northern province of Cabo Delgado, 350 cases of cholera were confirmed in Pemba, Micufi and Metuge; two deaths have been reported thus far
- In Micufi district, Cabo Delgado, one treatment center was dismantled by an angry mob, who misunderstand the causes of cholera and believe health workers are at fault
- In the Northern province of Nampula, the cases of diarrhoea are on the rise, but cholera has not been officially confirmed; the cases are being investigated
- In the Northern province of Zambezia, over 25,000 students have been affected by classroom destruction due to floods caused by heavy rains; more than 300 schools are paralyzed

Sector Response Update

❖ Water and Sanitation
- Samaritan’s Purse is building 16 latrines per day in Gaza province, short of its original plan to build 40 per day; the delay is said to be caused by lack of community cooperation
- Electric pumps that can be fitted in existing boreholes are being sought, given the lack of sufficient water trucks; two rigid tanks available in Chiaquelane will also be filled to deal with the truck shortage
- A water treatment station, with capacity of one cubic meter per hour, was setup in Mapapa to treat water pumped from the Chokwe irrigation system
- The Samaritan’s Purse team is testing the water from all the water points in all the camps of Chokwe, Macias and Guija; they have found that in three of the systems the water is not chlorinated
- 2,700 plastic buckets and 90 latrine slabs from World Vision in Malehice are already in Chiaquelane awaiting UNICEF’s confirmation for distribution in coordination with the Samaritan’s Purse

❖ Health
- More than 300 patients were successfully evacuated from hospitals in the affected areas in Chokwe
- Only one health facility (Guija) out of the 19 affected by the floods (3 Guija, 1 Chibuto, 15 Chokwe) has reopened
- UNICEF is procuring material to clean the Chokwe rural hospital, which is still closed
- Hospital do Carmelo (Chokwe) is operating out of a church and has started to provide out-patient care; thus far they have assisted 3,787 patients—537 of which were children under five
- Referrals are being sent to Macia Hospital, which has 40 beds but is currently hosting 80 patients. The pediatric ward, which has 15 beds, is hosting two children per bed
- UNICEF's tents have been received at Macia Hospital to assist with this influx; these host approximately 15 people each, distributed per sex
- UNICEF has intervened to guarantee that bed nets are delivered to the Chokwe hospital for the patients
- An extra 50,000 bed nets are being sent to Gaza province by the Ministry of Health, 20,000 of which will be replaced by UNICEF in the coming months
- Number of reported cases of diarrhea and malaria are increasing daily in Chokwe; from February 11 to February 14, the number of diarrhoea cases rose from 40 to 112

> Nutrition

- Over 959 children have undergone nutritional assessment (using Middle Arm Circumference (MUAC) and W/H in Chiaquelane; the assessment, which is being carried out by the Samaritan’s Purse in one of UNICEF’s donated tents, is on-going and will continue until Saturday, February 16
  o 59 children identified as with Moderate Acute Malnutrition were referred to the nurse in the same tent to start on RUTF (ready to use therapeutic food)
  o 7 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition were referred to the health center for further assessment
  o A UNICEF team on the ground provided technical assistance to correct errors of under diagnosis due to an inappropriate tape which was being used to measure circumference of the arm
- Nutritional screening is also on-going in Xai-xai; yesterday, 3 severe and 4 moderate cases of acute malnutrition were identified and referred
- According to DPS, the case of formula use for children under the age of 6 months, flagged by UNICEF, was limited to 15 children in Chibuto. DPS also reports they were closely monitored by health staff. UNICEF continues to promote breastfeeding and is support reduction of the number of children on substitutes

> Education

- 200 learners’ kits were distributed in Gaza province on February 13

> Protection

- The distribution of the torches to has started in Chiaquelane, as a temporary solution to the risk brought by the lack of illumination in the camp
- 5 children who had been misplaced in Chiaquelane have been reunified with their families
- The head of police in Chokwe requested UNICEF to increase social mobilization activities as children are increasingly playing in the streets at a time of increased traffic
- Two out of three children who were lost due to the dismantling of the Chibuto camp have been reunified with their families; the third one is a 13-year-old orphan who is being sent to the resettlement area so as to continue to live with old neighbors
- The perpetrator of a case of sexual abuse of a six year old, which happened a few days ago, has been identified and is soon to be imprisoned

> Communication

- The training of entertainers who will work in the child-friendly space took place on February 13
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- ICS continues disseminating relevant information on cholera, malaria and HIV prevention, promotion of breastfeeding and prevention of violence; ICS is also inviting parents to take their children for nutritional screening at Health Facility (tent set up in the accommodation center)
- Community volunteers are conducting “tent by tent” visits in Chiaquelane for identification of people who are ill and to refer them to a health facility

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