



CASE STUDY

Responding in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai in Mafambisse

HIGHLIGHTS

**14-15 March 2019
Cyclone Idai made
landfall in Mozambique**

**75 555 inhabitants of
Mafambisse**

**15 025 inhabitants
of Chirassicua in
Nhamatanda District**

**52 553 impacted
families surrounding our
operations**

Cyclone Idai's heavy rains and floods caused significant damage to Mozambique's infrastructure, including the supply of water, electricity, connectivity and road access. Our Mafambisse operations' fields, mill and housing, were significantly damaged and we stood surrounded by a potential humanitarian crisis.

Although Mafambisse had been severely affected by the cyclone and was in the midst of a financial turnaround process, Tongaat Hulett remained at the forefront in the search for solutions for the surrounding communities, in partnership with government and various NGOs:

- Due to shortages of key products in Mafambisse, Tongaat Hulett shipped foodstuffs, building materials to repair severely damaged homes, preventative and curative medication, and mosquito nets to help meet basic needs and protect employees and their families from the expected increased prevalence of waterborne diseases and malaria-carrying mosquitoes.
- Together with Mozambican youth NGO, VAMAZ (Voluntários Anónimos de Moçambique), we gathered and shipped 79 containers of provisions to Beira port in the central region of Mozambique, where we assisted cyclone-affected families in Mafambisse and Chirassicua, prioritising the elderly, widowed and child-headed households, as well as people with disabilities. These provisions included food, clothing, safe drinking water, water filters, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, maize seed, fuel and solar panels.
- We partnered with Architects of Emergency Foundation (AEF), a French NGO, which provided 90 shelters and 45 water purifier filters and about 2 800 solar panels for emergency relief to Chirassicua community.
- In response to malnutrition, we partnered with Instituto de Emergencia (INEM) for medical consultations to all Macumba Primary school children and provided porridge, meals and hygiene kits for the 514 kids and school personnel during the critical two months after the cyclone hit. In addition, more than 380 basic food kits were provided to Macumba families.
- To create income for affected families through agriculture, we partnered with Makobo Foundation to provide agricultural inputs such as certified cereal (corn) and vegetable seeds and small-scale irrigation pumps. Tongaat Hulett led the roll out of this project, and Makobo Foundation purchased crops from the 369 farmers involved in this program.