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Mozambique The Great Flood Of 2000

Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000

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Edinburgh University satellite flood maps: bit.ly/MozCyclone4 and bit.ly/MozCyclone2

Interview in English by Borges Nhamire with air coordinator: <http://bit.ly/MozCyclone3>

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60,000 people await rescue in trees & on roofs with only 5 helicopters

At least 60,000 people still await rescue according to *O Pais* this morning. The temporary air coordinator Adrian Nance says there are 10,000 in Buzi (30 km from Beira, southwest across the bay) waiting on roofs and in the football stadium. Further rain is predicted today, tomorrow and Saturday, according to the Mozambique meteorological service (INAM). Yesterday's national water bulletin predicts that flood waters will rise in the Pungue and Buzi rivers - which are causing the current flooding - and that levels are rising in the Zambezi and Save rivers. There is also flooding in Zambezia province.

University of Edinburgh researchers Ryan Casey and Sam Bowers have used radar satellite imagery which can see through clouds to map the flooding. The detailed maps show a band of flooding 100 km long from south of Buzi to northwest of Dondo and Beira. bit.ly/MozCyclone4 and bit.ly/MozCyclone2. Their website is <https://sambowers.bitbucket.io/>

Yesterday there were only five helicopters doing rescue and surveys, including one from the South African air force, one from the Indian navy and others from NGOs, but they are hampered by the continuing rain. Thus rescue is mainly being done by local fishing boats in coastal areas such as Buzi. Four more helicopters are promised.

A container ship will leave from Maputo for Beira with and local people have been bringing donations to the terminal in the port. Planes and helicopters are bringing in relief materials to Beira, including tents and blankets, as rescued people and those who have lost homes come to refugee centres.

In President Nyusi's statement on 18 March, he spoke of seeing bodies floating in the water during his helicopter tour, and predicted a death toll of at least 1000. People working in the flooded areas also report many bodies, making it hard to predict the toll.



People bringing goods for Beira into Maputo port. Per Bjorkhem photo.

We were warned

This cyclone is highly unusual in that it formed in the Mozambique Channel off the coast of Sofala, which meant there was much less warning than usual. Nevertheless, *Carta de Moçambique* today points out that the national meteorological service (Instituto Nacional de Meteorologia, INAM) issued a "red alert" on 6 March saying there would be intense rains and winds, The government issued a "red alert" on 11 March. "But no one did anything" writes *Carta*. bit.ly/MozCyclone5 Would it have been possible to evacuate places like Buzi?

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Background reading

Special reports

Mozambique heroin transit trade

English - LSE - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroin>

Portuguese - Pt - CIP - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroina>

Gas for development?

Gas_for_development_or_just_for_money?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasEng

Gás_para_desenvolvimento_ou_apanas_dinheiro?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasPt

Social protection report - 2017 Mozambique - <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>

Special report on four poverty surveys: bit.ly/MozPoverty

2018 Constitution - <http://bit.ly/2KF588T>

Minimum wage and exchange rates 1996-2018 -- <http://bit.ly/MinWage18>

\$2bn secret debt - in English

Kroll - Full report on \$2bn debt - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-Moz-full>

Kroll report summary - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-sum>

Key points of Mozambique parliament report - Nov 2016 - <http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt-En>

Following the donor-designed path to Mozambique's \$2.2 bn debt - <http://bit.ly/3WQ-hanlon>

In Portuguese:

Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt (complete) bit.ly/MozAR-debt

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Bangladesh confronts climate change (2016)

Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique (2014)

Há Mais Bicicletas – mas há desenvolvimento? (2008)

Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000 (2001)

Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000 (2001)

Paz Sem Benefício: Como o FMI Bloqueia a Reconstrução (1997)

Peace Without Profit: How the IMF Blocks Rebuilding (1996)

Mozambique: Who Calls the Shots (1991)

Mozambique: The Revolution Under Fire (1984)

These are still available for sale:

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento (2014) (free in English)

Zimbabwe takes back its land (2013)

Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South (2010)

Do bicycles equal development in Mozambique? (2008) (free in Portuguese)

Beggar Your Neighbours: Apartheid Power in Southern Africa (1986)

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