In March and April 2019, Southern Africa was hit by two subsequent cyclones that brought heavy flooding and left a trail of destruction across several countries. More than 3.4 million people are in need of urgent assistance. CERF allocated a total of US$34.4 million to provide life-saving aid to affected communities. Within 48 hours after Cyclone Idai made landfall, the Emergency Relief Coordinator announced an allocation of some $20 million to kicked off relief efforts in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. CERF began disbursing funds within five days of the grant application submission from Mozambique. A second allocation of $13 million provided urgent food, shelter, water and sanitation for people affected by Cyclone Kenneth in Comoros and Mozambique.

**Allocations Timeline**

March 2019

- 6 Mar: Heavy rains begin due to the weather system that will develop into Tropical Cyclone (TC) Idai, triggering floods in Malawi and Mozambique
- 11 Mar: CERF-funded Flood response in Malawi

April 2019

- 14-15 Mar: TC Idai makes landfall on central Mozambique
- 15 Mar: TC Idai traverses Mozambique and enters Zimbabwe
- 19 Mar: ERC announces a CERF RR allocation of $20 million to Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe
- 22 Mar: IASC activates the Humanitarian System-Wide Scale-Up protocol for Mozambique for an initial period of 3 months

May 2019

- 22 Apr: TC Kenneth approaches Comoros
- 24 Apr: TC Kenneth makes landfall on northern Mozambique
- 25 Apr: CERF-funded TC Kenneth response
- 28 Apr: ERC announces a CERF RR allocation of $13 million to Comoros and Mozambique

**Allocations by Agency**

- WFP: $11.9
- UNICEF: $9.7
- IOM: $5.5
- UNFPA: $2.6
- FAO: $1.9
- WHO: $1.3
- UNHCR: $0.7
- UNDP: $0.6
- UNAIDS: $0.1
- UN Women: $0.1

**Allocations by Sector**

- Food Assistance: $6.2
- Shelter and NFI: $5.7
- Water, Sanitation and hygiene: $5.1
- Logistics: $5
- Health: $4.5
- Protection*: $3
- Agriculture: $2.1
- Education: $1.3
- Nutrition: $1
- Camp Coordination and Camp Management: $0.3

To support the most urgent, time-critical life-saving assistance in response to a new emergency, CERF rapid response grants allow UN agencies to set an early project start date of up to six weeks prior to disbursement. This enables UN agencies to cost to CERF immediate relief activities that they started even before the formal allocation approval.

* Includes general protection, child protection, and protection against sexual and/or gender-based violence.