

Faith-based Organisations Response to Cyclone Disaster

Approximately 3 million helpless people have been affected by the devastation caused by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe with Mozambique the worst hit.

In the face of this mammoth challenge the South African Council of Churches, together with other faith-based have set up The Cyclone Disaster Response Group to coordinate efforts, invite to look at responses in the following ways:



Local churches and congregations:

Where relationships with affected communities or agencies already exist, local congregations are encouraged to build on these and support the relief effort. This should be primarily through donating funds and providing long term support for work in the community.



National church structures:

The SACC and TEASA have established The Cyclone Disaster Response Group, to act as a central coordinating entity for the church response from South Africa. Partnerships with appropriate aid agencies, government and business will be utilized to ensure the most effective use of resources and networks. It is envisaged that the primary focus will be on encouraging the donation of funds supporting purchase of goods, the distribution of these resources through approved agencies and leveraging networks to advocate on behalf of



Denominations and church networks:

These structures should seek to work alongside their partner structures within the affected communities supporting their work through financial, logistical and pastoral support.



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