



## UN Country Team Floods and Cholera Up-date Angola

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The flood in the Cunene province has affected more than 22.000 people being now, relocated by the government to safe areas.

In addition to Cunene also the following provinces are hit by the floods: Lunda Norte, Lunda Sul, Moxico, Uige, Kuando Kubango and Malange. Like last year, the situation is worse in Cunene, Kahama, Cuvelai, Kuanhama, Namakunde and Xiankongo.

The road connecting Ondjiva and Namacunda is flooded and even the zones previously considered "safe" are also being affected, people are moving away in trucks with their goods (furniture etc) in search for safer areas.

The Government is trying to reconstruct the main road to Namibia, which was destroyed by the rain. Furthermore, the roads between Ongiva-Cuvelai-Kahama and Mupa are destroyed, as well as the road between Cuvelai and Xiankongo and Cuvelai and Kapateti. The Civil Protection (CP) is now evacuating people and transporting material by boat and helicopter in these areas.

3 people died so far and 22'000 people are displaced (around 4'000 families). In this regard, the Gov opened a third reception center.

90'000 Ha agricultural land were destroyed and many animals died.  
Different schools are flooded and school kids cannot attend the school anymore.

The population does not have access to safe water making use of contaminated water in the outskirts of the urban area and camps. Due to the rain, the water from ponds and tanks is being contaminated by the water from the latrines.

The water slops in the affected areas are also causing the increase of mosquitoes and larvas and other insects making the scenario favourable to arise of cholera and the cases of diarrhea in the camps for displaced people and at Ondjiva city.

In the camps at Okapale and Feira Popular, where the situation is particularly difficult the families are being relocated to safe areas. There is a need for latrines in the camps, beds for cholera and cholera and malaria medication.

The area is considered under the alert (orange) according to the CP.

MINARS provided 200 tones of aid (food, NFI and tents) to the flood victims. The Civil Protection has at the moment 6 planes à 40 tones cargo ready for sending material to Cunene. The CP has also reinforced its capacities in Cunene with staff from the national level.

### UN Flood Response

On Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, WHO has delivered to the Ministry of Health the equivalent of 21.000 euros in emergency kits to assure the basic health care for 10.000 people at Cunene province. The kits included 5 tones of medicines kits for diarrhea treatment, chloride for water cleaning and other emergency materials.

The UN Resident Coordinator, Jocelline Bazile-Finley and the UNCT focal point for UN-CP relations, Katharina Schnöring met with General Laborinho to offer him UN support for the flood victims. The UN delegation also provided General Laborinho with a list of material available ASAP from different UN agencies for the flood victims in Cunene and the Resident Coordinator also informed that more can be done in a later stage.

UNICEF is committing 1 water treatment unit providing safe water for up to 5,000 people a day in addition to the unit already available in Ondjiva. Access to safe water will be supported with 4 water bladders (2 x 5,000 L and 2 x 10,000L) along with 28,000 jerry cans for storage. Chlorine will be provided in two forms, 100 bags (40 kg / bag) of HDH chlorine for community use as well as 50 boxes of aqua tabs for family use as well as 50,000 bars of soap will be distributed to affected families.

UNICEF and WHO have on going joint assessment missions with the National Commission for Civil Protection in Cunene.