

CAPA PRAYER ALERT



EFFECTS OF TROPICAL CYCLONE FREDDY

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Dear Friends,

We invite your prayerful accompaniment of the Churches in Malawi, South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar as well as other regions which have been affected by Cyclone Freddy. Specific updates we have received include:

Malawi

In **Blantyre District** 85 people have died and 134 have sustained various degree of injuries following Freddy-induced heavy rains and mudslides. A further 16 people are missing, and 300 households (approximately 1,350 people) people have been affected; out of which 46 households (approximately 207 people) have been displaced and have sought refuge at Manja Camp and Nautcha Primary School.

In **Blantyre City**, 10 deaths have been recorded, with nine registered in Ndirande Township.

In **Chikwawa**, 1,112 households (approximately 5,004 people) have been displaced with one death and three injuries recorded. Currently, six camps have been set in the district.

In **Nsanje**, 1,300 households (approximately 5,850 people) have been displaced with one death recorded and five camps set.

In **Chiradzulu**, 170 households (approximately 765 people) have been affected, with two deaths and two injuries recorded.

In **Thyolo District**, 11 households (approximately 50 people) have been displaced and two camps have been set,

In **Phalombe**, three injuries have been recorded with 14 camps set.

In total, 99 deaths have been recorded, 16 people reported missing and 39 camps set.

Mozambique

Severe winds, heavy rainfall, floods, and mudslides have also been reported in the Quelimane area of Mozambique as well as areas around Central and Northern Mozambique. More details can be accessed [here](#)

South Africa

In South Africa, the cyclone affected Mopani and Vhembe district, Limpopo and Ehlanzeni in Mpumalaga causing flooding and the washing away of [lands and animals](#).

Background of Cyclone Freddy

Cyclone Freddy is the world's most intense cyclone on record, reaching 270 kph on one gust, after traveling westward from near Australia to Mozambique, then gathering more energy and blasting into southern Malawi where more than 100 people have been reported died. The Loss and Damage caused by the cyclone is formidable and there is the **URGENT NEED** for the people in the affected areas to have access to immediate emergency aid and longer-term rebuilding and restoration of individuals and communities. There is also the need to support in building community resilience in the face of worsening Climate Change related disasters.

During Freddy's long trek across the South Indian Ocean, the storm went through an astounding six separate cycles of rapid intensification (intensifying by at least 35 mph in a 24-hour period), setting a world record. Two of these events occurred because of the storm's reemergence over water after making landfalls (in Madagascar and in Mozambique); the other four happened when the storm encountered periodically favorable and unfavorable upper-level winds and ocean temperatures.

Thirty-four (34) days since its citing, Cyclone Freddy is now the longest-lived tropical cyclone on record and has an increased intensity of about 30knots.

Over a 100 people have died as a result of the pounding of the cyclone with the worse hit areas in Africa being Malawi and Mozambique as reported [here](#)



Please join us to pray for our brothers and sisters in New Zealand and Australia who have also been affected by the cyclone. Pray especially for the various interventions to bring relief support to the victims of the cyclone disaster. Please remember Archbishops Philip Richardson, Dom Tamihere and their counterparts.