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United States provides \$2.5 million food aid to Zimbabwe in response to Cyclone Idai

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3 April 2019 – Harare, Zimbabwe – Project Management Zimbabwe (PMZ) is passing on the following news release from the U.S. Embassy in Harare, which may be of interest to PM organizations and professionals locally and globally.

The United States Government has provided an additional contribution of US\$2.5 million to respond to emergency needs in Zimbabwe following Cyclone Idai. The contribution, provided through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Food for Peace, will support immediate food needs in the most affected areas of Manicaland Province.

USAID will work through the World Food Program (WFP) to provide immediate food assistance to approximately 133,000 individuals affected by the cyclone in Chimanimani and Chipinge districts. The contribution includes more than 2,000 metric tons of U.S. in-kind sorghum, vegetable oil, and fortified cereals that were prepositioned from USAID's warehouse in South Africa. *(Food stocks in USAID's warehouse in Durban. Photo by WFP.)*



U.S. Ambassador Brian A. Nichols stated: “The United States stands with the people of Zimbabwe during this devastating time. The humanitarian assistance from USAID will save lives and alleviate suffering as people rebuild following the tragedy of Cyclone Idai.”

WFP Country Director Eddie Rowe stated: “This timely contribution from USAID is key in meeting the immediate food needs of the people who are still battling to recover from the catastrophic impact of Cyclone Idai, and support early recovery efforts as they start to rebuild their lives.”

The U.S. Government has provided nearly \$10 million in humanitarian assistance to help people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi who have been affected by Cyclone Idai. This includes \$US100,000 for GOAL Zimbabwe to support water, sanitation, hygiene, and shelter for 36,400 individuals in cyclone-affected areas of Manicaland Province.

In Zimbabwe, Cyclone Idai caused at least 181 deaths, and an estimated 270,000 people are in need of assistance. The U.S. Government is working in partnership with other donor governments, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, local

relief groups, and others to provide timely emergency relief to those impacted by the cyclone.

For more than 30 years, the American people, through USAID, have contributed over \$3 billion in assistance to Zimbabwe. Current projects include initiatives to increase food security, support economic resilience, improve health systems and services, and promote democratic governance.

The United Nations World Food Program - saving lives in emergencies and changing lives for millions through sustainable development. WFP works in more than 80 countries around the world, feeding people caught in conflict and disasters, and laying the foundations for a better future.

Source: U.S. Embassy in Harare, Zimbabwe



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