

REPAIR

Strengthening financial and operational preparedness in a changing world.

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PHASE 2 APPROVAL EXPANDS PROGRAM'S REACH AND IMPACT



The approval of Phase 2 of REPAIR by the World Bank in July 2025 to include Angola, Burundi, Malawi, Seychelles and Zambia represents an exciting new milestone in the program's development. This expansion comes with an envelope of USD400 million, which will go to supporting the financial and operational readiness of an additional 12 million people to natural shocks.

In the words of its senior program manager, Avinash Ramessur, REPAIR, which is now made up of eight participating countries – Phase 1 comprises Comoros, Madagascar and Mozambique – is “a pioneering program to provide, support and facilitate the flow of funds to affected populations for responding to loss and damage caused by disasters and to support the resilience of local economies through innovative financial mechanisms.”

In addition to increasing its reach in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA), the expansion will also allow REPAIR to increase its cost effectiveness by further leveraging its pooled approach to generating additional returns for its members.

REPAIR CENTRAL TO JUDE RECOVERY EFFORTS

Following the passage of cyclone Jude in March 2025 which ravaged the provinces of Nampula and Zambezia in particular, the Mozambican authorities submitted a disbursement request of USD16.8 million which REPAIR approved less than two business days later. This rapid payout allowed the country's delivery channels to purchase vital food, medical and shelter kits for the stricken populations.

To date, 1.2m kilos of rice, 1.2m kg of maize flour, 358k litres of cooking oil, 215k kg of brown sugar and 5,188 family tents, as well as other foodstuffs, medicines and construction material, have been purchased. Preparations for the next rainy season are also underway, with the authorities in the process of completing the relevant procurement processes to replenish stocks of critical supplies.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 - A COMPELLING PROGRAM

REPAIR's first Annual Conference is set to take place on November 4-6 in South Africa. Bringing together around 80 representatives from the Ministries of Finance and delivery channels of participating countries, as well as the World Bank and ARC Ltd., the conference is being held under the theme of **Regional Solutions, Resilient Futures.**

The event boasts a rich program including training modules on disaster risk financing, peer learning sessions for countries to share best practices (Days 1 and 3), the Annual Conference (Day 2) and the first sitting of the Regional Climate Risk Fund (RCRF) Committee (Day 3). Participants will also have cross-border networking opportunities with their peers.

DID YOU KNOW?

28 of the countries most vulnerable to climate change are in ESA. The number of people requiring humanitarian assistance in sub-Saharan Africa rose from **110 million** in 2021 to **168 million** in 2023, due to increasingly frequent and intense cyclones, floods and droughts.



CYCLONE SEASON PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

As the cyclone season in the South-West Indian Ocean approaches, REPAIR countries are stepping up efforts to protect vulnerable communities.

In Comoros, Madagascar, and Mozambique, the program is working closely with governments to strengthen financial and operational readiness for natural shocks.

In tandem with pre-arranged financing, REPAIR is providing technical assistance to stream-

-line disaster response systems. This includes accompanying the procurement of vital supplies ahead of the cyclone season and conducting operational gap assessments to ensure funds are effectively and swiftly channeled to support national response operations.

Investing in readiness today is the most efficient way of limiting the human and economic impact of natural shocks.

ARC LTD. INSIGHTS

REPAIR - VISION IN ACTION

The landscape of climate risk solutions is constantly evolving. And REPAIR's Project Implementation Unit, ARC Ltd, is well placed to capitalize on new trends. Interim CEO, David Maslo, explains: "ARC Ltd.'s growing portfolio reached new heights with the launch of 26 policies across 12 countries under Pool 12A, with a premium volume twice that of last year. This reflects rising demand for fast, effective climate risk solutions that go beyond insurance to drive development."

REPAIR supports the risk transfer requirements of its members across the end-to-end process cycle of parametric insurance approach independently of the underwriting activities of its parent organization, ARC Ltd.

"Within this, REPAIR's Phase 2 expansion and its rapid response to Cyclone Jude in Mozambique show how reach and speed go hand in hand. The future of climate response depends not just on how much is paid out, but how fast, how inclusively, and how locally it empowers. REPAIR is a powerful example of that vision in action," Mr Maslo notes.

MEET THE TEAM



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Hugo has led or contributed to over 60 technical assistance missions in over 15 countries, including Madagascar, Niger, Senegal, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire and the DRC, across sectors such as finance, health, private sector development, climate resilience, and governance. He has experience in leading sector studies, developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue processes.

UPCOMING

Regional Annual Conference

November 2025

Bringing together Ministries of Finance, delivery channels and program partners, this three-day event aims to foster collective intelligence in setting the 2026 agenda for REPAIR.

ABOUT REPAIR

Launched in October 2024, the Regional Emergency Preparedness and Access to Inclusive Recovery (REPAIR) Program is committed to strengthening the financial and operational preparedness of Eastern & Southern African (ESA) countries against natural perils. The program currently comprises Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Seychelles and Zambia. Ultimately, participation in REPAIR will grow to 12 ESA participating countries.

Financed by the World Bank, REPAIR is centred around a USD926 million Regional Climate Risk Fund managed by ARC Ltd, with a further USD795 million expected to be leveraged from private capital by 2031. An additional grant funding from the Global Shield Financing Facility supports the implementation of Technical Assistance services for both financial and operational preparedness activities by ARC Ltd.

By providing access to tailored and adapted pre-arranged financing facilities, coupled with efficient and transparent mechanisms to channel funding to affected communities, REPAIR supports effective and gender-sensitive responses in times of need. REPAIR also intends to support adequate coping mechanisms for affected MSMEs/WSMEs.

