

CYCLONE JUDE: SPEEDY PAYOUT DEMONSTRATES EFFECTIVENESS OF REPAIR APPROACH



REPAIR paid out over USD16.8 million on April 4 to support the Mozambican Government's emergency response efforts to tropical cyclone Jude, *less than two working days* after it had submitted a request to this effect.

Jude devastated large parts of the country leaving 150,000 people reeling from its impact. Following an impact assessment exercise on the scope of the damage and the resources required to assist affected populations, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) submitted an official disbursement request for funds, which the program rapidly made available to the authorities.

This is a telling example of the potential of pre-arranged financing to provide funds quickly and effectively in times of crisis, and of the program's commitment to saving lives and preserving livelihoods in the wake of natural and other shocks.

REPAIR continues to work closely with MoFs and delivery channels in participating countries to ensure that vital resources reach affected populations as rapidly as possible.

REPAIR SUPPORTS CHIDO RECOVERY

REPAIR was instrumental in reconnecting eight villages on the Comoros island of Anjouan to the water supply following tropical cyclone Chido which ravaged the country in December 2024. Coordinated by the Direction générale de la sécurité civile, the REPAIR funded campaign installed new water tanks and pipes in the

affected villages in April 2025, spurring on the island's recovery.

The program had previously supported the authorities' emergency response efforts by financing the distribution of support kits containing food and water, as well as other essentials including mattresses and building materials.



REPAIR PHASE 2 UNDER DISCUSSION

Negotiations are currently underway with five countries to join Phase 2 of the program. They are Angola, Burundi, Malawi, Seychelles and Zambia. Once the discussions are completed, an onboarding process will be initiated, which should lead to them joining Phase 1 countries - Comoros, Madagascar and Mozambique - during the

course of 2025.

REPAIR has adopted a "multiphase programmatic approach" in order to give the program scalability, sustainability and flexibility. Ultimately, REPAIR will be comprised of 12 countries, with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho and Zimbabwe making up Phase 3.

DID YOU KNOW?

Damages resulting from tropical cyclones in Comoros, Madagascar and Mozambique since 2018 exceed **USD6.4 billion**, highlighting the importance of financial and operational preparedness in these countries.



FUNDSCCHAIN ROLLOUT UNDERWAY FOLLOWING WORLD BANK TRAINING

A central objective of REPAIR is to provide funds to countries in a rapidly and effectively following disasters to support response and recovery efforts.

The effective part of the equation is underpinned by FundsChain, the World Bank's decentralized blockchain platform. Once the funds are disbursed by REPAIR, all subse-

-quent transactions by the MoFs, delivery channels and their suppliers have to be recorded on FundsChain in order to ensure their full traceability.

FundsChain is now being rolled out in all three Phase 1 countries, following training workshops held by the World Bank on how to use of this blockchain platform.

ARC LTD CEO: SPEED IS CRITICAL

In a fascinating article entitled *What Africa Climate Response Experience Can Teach The World* published on the website of the World Economic Forum last month, the CEO of ARC Ltd, Lindelwe Lesley Ndlovu compellingly argues in favour of three key shifts:

- From amount to speed
- From coverage to inclusion
- From support to local appropriation

These insights are informed by ARC Ltd's extensive experience at the ground zero of natural disasters. *"The future of climate response will depend not just on what is paid out, but on how systems evolve to anticipate, adapt and empower. If we want to turn risk into resilience, we need faster support, broader inclusion and stronger local ownership everywhere,"* concludes Mr Ndlovu.

MEET THE TEAM



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UPCOMING

Financial literacy trainings

July-December 2025

A series of workshops for women-led SMEs in Madagascar organized in conjunction with a mandated Government agency.

Regional Annual Meeting

November 2025

Bringing together MoFs, delivery channels and program partners, this weeklong event aims to regroup and re-strategize REPAIR as an improvement exercise.

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. Phase 1 of the program is composed of Comoros, Madagascar and Mozambique, while Phase 2 is expected to comprise five additional countries. 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 hours of need. REPAIR also intends to support adequate coping mechanisms for affected MSMEs/WSMEs.



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