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## REPAIR disburses over USD16.8 million in emergency assistance to Mozambique in wake of cyclone Jude

**Maputo, April 10, 2025** – The Regional Emergency Preparedness and Inclusive Access to Recovery (REPAIR) program, a World Bank program which aims to strengthen the financial and operational resilience of participating countries to climate and other shocks, has disbursed an envelope of over USD16.8 million to complement Mozambique’s efforts to save lives and livelihoods in the aftermath of tropical cyclone Jude which devastated large areas of the country on March 10.

Crucially, the funds were made available less than seven business days after Mozambique’s Ministry of Finance submitted an official disbursement request to the program on April 02, thereby boosting the country’s response capabilities. Speed is a central tenet of REPAIR’s approach as a timely response to a disaster is key to determining the effectiveness of relief and recovery efforts.

As Caroline Cerrutti, Lead Financial Sector Specialist, Southern Africa Region at the World Bank explains: *“REPAIR’s approach hinges on its ability to provide rapid and flexible financial support to countries in their moment of greatest need, namely the period immediately after a disaster. The program’s commitment to disbursing life-saving funds within seven days of an event, via the use of pre-arranged financial instruments, can be the difference between recovery and relapse. REPAIR was able to respond to Mozambique’s request for USD16.87 million in two business days to support its disaster response and recovery efforts in the wake of tropical cyclone Jude.”*

Implemented by African Risk Capacity Limited (ARC Limited), a hybrid mutual insurer and the financial affiliate of the African Risk Capacity Group, REPAIR provides a suite of funded pre-arranged financial instruments to participating countries to increase their resilience vis-à-vis climate-related shocks which represent a growing threat to region’s socio-economic development.

In the case of Jude, the funds disbursed by REPAIR will be used to provide the nearly 150,000 victims of the tropical cyclone, particularly in the provinces of Nampula and Zambezia, with vital food and medical supplies, as well as shelter for those rendered homeless by the disaster.

According to Avinash Ramessur, Senior Program Manager of REPAIR, *“This payout is the culmination of a very close collaboration between REPAIR and the Government of Mozambique in the aftermath of cyclone Jude. We are proud to have provided effective and timely support to the response activities of Mozambique. REPAIR demonstrates that having a complementary suite of pre-arranged financial instruments provides better capabilities to countries in bearing the costs of responding to natural disasters.”*

Mozambique is one of three countries participating in the first phase of REPAIR, along with Comoros and Madagascar. An additional six countries are expected to join the second phase in the course of the current calendar year.

Ultimately, 12 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) will participate in the program which runs until 2031, by which time World Bank funding for REPAIR is expected to total USD926 million, with the objective to mobilise a further USD 795 million in private capital, to help strengthen the resilience of over 24 million people across the region.

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