



HEALTH ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL CYCLONE ELOISE RESPONSE

Who is Health Alliance International?

Health Alliance International is a Seattle-based nonprofit organization and Center of the University of Washington's Department of Global Health. For 30+ years, HAI has partnered with ministries of health in the countries where we work to strengthen public sector health systems. Our multi-tiered systems-based approach to improving health service delivery is bolstered by the expertise of our UW faculty-implementers and our 150+ local staff.

In Mozambique, Health Alliance International, currently operates multiple projects in coordination with the Mozambican National Health Service, including work in maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, mental health, non-communicable disease, research capacity building, and data systems improvement.

HAI is a registered 501(c)(3) making all donations 100% tax-deductible.

- Nonprofit & UW Center
- 30+ years
- Model – work with MOH to strengthen health system
- Diverse portfolio in Moz – MCH, HIV, Mental Health, Research, Data.
- Donations accepted

What do we know about Cyclone Eloise and its aftermath?

Cyclone Eloise hit Mozambique's central coast on January 23rd. Initial reports suggest that ~250,000 people are affected, including ~17,000 Mozambicans displaced. Widespread power and communications outages and severe flooding in lowland areas means the full extent of the impact is yet unknown.

Nevertheless, reports from HAI staff suggest widespread infrastructural damage, including health infrastructure. In addition, the close proximity of Cyclones Idai & Kenneth (2019) and Tropical Depression Chalane (2020) — which struck the exact same provinces and as a result of which thousands are still living in “temporary” relief camps—has increased the burden on mental health in the region, for which resources are already thin.

In addition to injuries, potential food shortages, and the threat of increased transmission of waterborne (ie cholera) and vector transmitted (ie malaria) diseases, **COVID-19 has been spiking in this region since early January.** Displacement in temporary shelters, damage to health system infrastructure and supplies/equipment are likely to exacerbate the spread of COVID-19 and pose additional public health threats to anyone in need of medical attention or critical medicines.

- January 23rd
- 250,000+ affected
- Damage to homes and health facilities
- COVID-19 is spiking adding additional urgency
- Less than two years since Cyclone Idai struck same region
- Physical & mental health impact
- Long-term health risk when system down

Why is HAI participating in the Response?

HAI has called Beira and Central Mozambique home for more than 30 years, making us one of the longest standing international NGOs with an uninterrupted presence in Beira. In that time, we have built enduring and deep relationships with National Health Service staff and leadership in the two provinces hit hardest by Cyclone Eloise.

In 2019, when Cyclone Idai struck the same region, HAI played a critical role in securing and coordinating the distribution of >\$3.5 million in emergency response supplies, medicines, and medical equipment, coordinating closely with and guided by National & Provincial Health Services priorities. HAI was explicitly identified by Mozambique's Minister of Health as an example of public sector partnership in emergency response following Cyclone Idai.

Our staff on the ground, though many were personally hit hard by the cyclone, are committed to being part of the response as is our Seattle-based leadership, many of whom have lived and worked in Mozambique for years.

With 40+ staff on the ground, 30+ years of building relationships in the affected region, and recent experience in this work, HAI is well positioned to help with coordination of the health sector response between government agencies, international NGOs, and donors looking to support locally-identified priorities.

- Beira is home
- Deep knowledge of region
- Relationships and Partnerships
- Experience with Cyclone Idai
- Recognized by MOH for response model
- 40+ staff on the ground

How is HAI's Cyclone Idai response different from others?

HAI is not an emergency response agency and we recognize the incredible work and resource-pooling power of those that have decades of experience responding to humanitarian crises like Cyclone Idai. Nevertheless, we believe that HAI's existing presence in Beira and local relationships means we have something different to contribute to the overall relief efforts and response.

HAI's organizational model is to listen to and respond to the priorities of the national health systems where we work. In a crisis situation, this need is particularly strong given that multiple actors are often engaged in a complex relief effort. Following Cyclone Idai, Mozambique's Minister of Health explicitly recognized HAI's cyclone response activities as a model for other iNGOs to follow, based on our close collaboration with the Ministry of Health.

What differentiates HAI's response most is that we aren't going anywhere. After Cyclone Idai, we continued our work to strengthen regional preparedness, including building epidemiologic surveillance capacity in Sofala and Manica Provinces and continued work to rebuild and equip damaged health facilities in the region. HAI has worked in and around the affected area for more than 30 years and we will remain. We will be there to help re-build and continue to strengthen the health system HAI is not an emergency response agency but has a critical role to play

- HAI responds to the priorities of the NHS
- We aren't going anywhere
- Long-term health system rebuild and re-strengthening planning & implementation

What can people do to get involved?

The little news coverage that Eloise has received has downplayed the impact of the Cyclone, comparing wind speeds, rather than considering the compounding impact of multiple cyclones within a short period and the alignment with a surge in COVID-19 cases. HAI is raising funds to support the health system response and individual contributions, and especially recurring contributions via HAI's Viva! Circle, make a significant difference in our capacity to maintain ongoing support.

You can donate to HAI on our website or by check or wire transfer to HAI's HQ office in Seattle.

More than anything we recommend that people talk about Cyclone Eloise with friends and family, share stories, and help direct others to information about recovery efforts and the ongoing needs of cyclone-affected communities in Mozambique.

You can also follow HAI on social media where we will continue to share updates, images, and more as it becomes available:

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The roof of an urban health facility in Beira is blown off by Cyclone Eloise