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Water Mission Provides Safe Water to Cyclone Idai Survivors

More than 2.6 Million Affected in Malawi and Mozambique

North Charleston, S.C. – March 20, 2019 – [Water Mission](#), a nonprofit Christian engineering organization, is delivering safe water to southeast Africa in response to the widespread flooding and devastation caused by Cyclone Idai.

With more than 18 years of disaster response experience and a local office in Malawi, Water Mission is well-prepared to respond to the needs of local communities with emergency and long-term safe water solutions. The organization has deployed additional staff and equipment to Malawi and is collaborating with partners on the ground in Mozambique.

Cyclone Idai may be one of the most devastating natural disasters to strike the Southern Hemisphere, according to the United Nations. More than 900,000 people have been impacted in Malawi, and nearly 83,000 have been displaced, the government of Malawi reported. In Mozambique, the government has estimated that 1.7 million people have been affected, 400,000 have been left homeless, and more than 200 have been killed, although the death toll is expected to rise.

“In the aftermath of a natural disaster such as Cyclone Idai, access to safe water becomes a critical need to help prevent the outbreak of dangerous waterborne illnesses such as cholera,” said Water Mission President and COO George C. Greene, IV. “Water Mission has staff in the field responding to the affected areas. The need is great and it looks like we will need to deploy significantly more resources. We are grateful for your continued support and prayers for all those who have been impacted.”

Water Mission is strategically positioned to respond with a program already working in southern Malawi. Established in 2009, Water Mission Malawi has a proven track record of responding to regional disasters and is recognized as part of the water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) cluster of nonprofits collaborating to provide aid in Malawi.

The organization is currently preparing disaster response shipments to provide critical supplies that will support the crisis response. This initiative will build on the safe water solutions that Water Mission installed after a series of dangerous floods in 2015, which also affected southern Malawi. At the time, Water Mission served more than 84,000 people through 15 safe water projects.



Donations to Water Mission's Cyclone Idai Disaster Response can be made to watermission.org/2019Cyclone. Water Mission has earned Charity Navigator's highest rating for the past 12 years and is currently being featured for its Cyclone Idai response. To learn more or stay updated on Water Mission's relief efforts, please visit watermission.org or follow @water_mission on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and @WaterMissions on [Facebook](#).

About Water Mission

Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has used innovative technology and engineering expertise to provide access to safe water for more than four million people in 55 countries. Water Mission has 350 staff members working around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa, Asia, North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean. Notably, Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top four-star rating twelve years in a row, a distinction shared by less than one percent of the charities rated by the organization. To learn more, visit watermission.org.

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