

Samaritan's Purse Sends Emergency Relief to Mozambique

Samaritan's Purse is providing emergency supplies and relief for thousands of families displaced by floods in Mozambique. The international Christian relief organization is coordinating relief supplies coming from three countries—by planes and across land.

Officials estimate that catastrophic flooding in Mozambique displaced more than 150,000 people and impacted 250,000. Many evacuees are now gathered in makeshift camps that lack access to clean water, food, shelter and sanitary conditions.

Disaster assistance response teams from Samaritan's Purse are helping more than 16,000 displaced families by providing clean water, constructing latrines, and promoting hygiene to prevent outbreaks of disease.

Relief flights arriving from the U.S. and Kenya Wednesday will bring blankets, plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, jerry cans, soap, water-quality equipment and diesel-powered water pumps to aid in relief efforts.

"Right now, water is critical to the survival of women, men and children living in these ad hoc communities," said Aaron Ashoff, Samaritan's Purse disaster team leader in Mozambique. "We are coming across family after family who have lost almost all they have and are living under the shade of trees with their few remaining possessions: buckets, makeshift tarps and basic utensils. We know the people of Mozambique are suffering, and we are committed to helping them in their time of need."