

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOZAMBIQUE - IPM

The Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (IPM) was founded in 1887 and has worked in the Provinces of Gaza and Maputo for many years. Its local churches, mission stations, and health clinics place the IPM directly within the effected communities. The IPM has 38 parishes, 90 local congregations with a total of 80,000 members, 45 ordained clergy and 25 evangelists. The relief and development office of the IPM has carried out numerous relief and development projects.

The 2000 disaster has prompted IPM to respond with an emergency programme. As a church organisation and member of the Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM) for 52 years, IPM is a de facto member of the greater ACT family. IPM has become an implementing ACT member by working in close collaboration with ACT and raises funds for its activities through ACT Appeals.

Within the context of this disaster, IPM has decided to work on the resettlement of the affected population. IPM is used to working in close cooperation with other implementing members of the ACT network, namely, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF MOZAMBIQUE - CCM

CCM was formed in 1948 by a group of mainstream Protestant churches. During the Mozambican civil war and later, CCM provided emergency relief and rehabilitation of destroyed public infrastructure. In the agricultural sector it was also involved in small-livestock and agricultural-extension programmes, including community-development activities. For this disaster it has reorganised and reoriented itself in order to handle emergency situations in most of the affected areas of Mozambique. It has the capacity to provide response in the Maputo, Sofala, Inhambani and Gaza Provinces.

In its response to this disaster, CCM has decided to act in the fields of food aid, food security, and resettlement. CCM is used to working in close cooperation with other implementing members of the ACT network, namely The Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (IPM) and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION – LWF

LWF started its operations in Mozambique in 1977 to respond to the humanitarian needs of displaced people in the aftermath of the independence war. It was mainly involved in the following activities: relief distribution, rehabilitation of public infrastructures (schools, clinics, roads, etc.), capacity and confidence

building in development and small-scale agricultural activities. Since 1994, LWF has been working within a national programme strategy, which aims at creating self-reliance in the Mozambican post-civil war society. In addition to this, LWF was considerably involved, through cross-border activities with Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi, in assisting hundreds of thousands of returning refugees to resettle in their places of origin.

Given LWF-Mozambique's long experience in the country with emergency relief, rehabilitation, and long-term development, the organisation is very well placed to play a key role in responding quickly and effectively to the rapid-onset disaster of 2000. LWF has experience in the following fields of activity: food aid, food security, health services, shelter, and water and sanitation.

LWF has the capacity to cover wide areas in the following provinces: Maputo, Inhambini, Sofala, and Gaza. LWF is used to working in close cooperation with other implementing members of the ACT network, namely The Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (IPM) and The Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM).