



PRESS STATEMENT

**EMPOWERMENT WITHOUT BORDERS ON THE DEVASTATING CYCLONE
FREDDY IN MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, AND MADAGASCAR**

Saturday, 18 March 2023

The **Empowerment Without Borders (EWB)** is devastated by the deadly Cyclone Freddy, which has struck Malawi, Mozambique and Madagascar.

The deadly storm swept through the Southern parts of Africa causing flooding and landslides in the impacted countries.

It is reported Cyclone Freddy is one of the strongest storms ever recorded in the Southern Hemisphere and could be the longest-lasting tropical cyclone .

EWB mourns the lives and livelihoods lost and destroyed by the dreadful storms as around 225 people have been recorded dead in Malawi, and countless are still missing or buried in the mud, as rescue teams continue working tirelessly to find the survivors.

The Malawian Government has declared a State of Disaster in affected areas that have been hit hardest by the storm as more than 88,000 people have been displaced.

The Storm has also crippled Malawi's power supply, with most parts of the country experiencing prolonged blackouts impacting other areas of life. The mudslides and flooding caused by the rain, have caused damage to infrastructure and have made it difficult for rescue operators to travel and reach affected areas.

The storms has also damaged infrastructure in Mozambique, with more than 22, 000 people being displaced and seeking shelter.

We send our deepest condolences to the families and friends who have lost their loved ones and our prayers to our brothers and sisters who have lost their livelihoods.

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