Latest News: Integral Responds to Tropical Cyclone Eloise in Mozambique

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Integral Alliance has launched an Integral Disaster Response for Tropical Cyclone Eloise. Three Members have opted in so far and are currently responding both directly on the ground and through their Partners. They have identified urgent needs across a range of sectors including shelter, food and COVID-19 prevention.

On 23rd January, Tropical Cyclone Eloise made landfall over central Mozambique with heavy rainfall and strong winds, in an area that is still recovering from the widespread devastation caused by Cyclone Idai in 2019. More than 314,000 people have been affected by Eloise and 20,012 are currently displaced. However, these numbers are likely to rise as access to the affected areas is limited due to damaged roads and bridges [Source here].

Integral Members are sharing information on the impact of the Cyclone, concept notes and media with a view to seeing what more can be done together. Institutional funding is scarce and there is a general lack of media attention which makes it more difficult to launch fundraising campaigns.

Rebecca Carney, Program Officer, Relief and Humanitarian Affairs at Food for the Hungry (FH) says, “The families in the area where we are responding were still recovering from the impact of 2019 Cyclone Idai and had hopes of an agriculture year with healthy harvests. This new Cyclone is a devastating setback, especially for these communities. At FH we will continue to seek out communities where food and water needs are unmet, as well as to assess crop and livestock damage.”

Rebecca continues, “Collaborating with the government and other humanitarian organisations is imperative, against a backdrop of scarce funding and resources. It is very much our hope and prayer that through Integral’s coordination we will be able to achieve more together and maximise our collective impact.”

In the initial stages of an Integral response, calls are held as frequently as necessary, so that Members can share information in the critical phase when needs are acute. The Integral online platform enables Members to share photos and stories, response plans and funding needs.

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**Integral’s Vision**
Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

**Integral’s Mission**
Integral exists to see God’s Kingdom demonstrated by uniting our Members. We champion, encourage and facilitate collaborative working across the Alliance, particularly in disasters.

**On Integral Collaboration:**
Integral’s goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the Integral Disaster Response Process coordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a coordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 21 Members with headquarters in 13 countries. Integral Members work over 85 countries, across 34 sectors, and have a network of over 580 local partners. To watch a short film introducing Integral click here.

See here for more information about Integral’s commitment to Quality Standards

Integral Members are:

CEDAR Fund - Hong Kong  
Food for the Hungry – USA & Canada  
Integra - Slovakia  
International Health Partners - UK  
Medical Teams International – USA  
Medair – Switzerland  
Mission East – Denmark  
SEL France - France  
Tearfund Australia – Australia  
Tearfund - Netherlands  
Tearfund – Belgium  
Tearfund - Canada  
Tearfund - Ireland  
Tear Fund - Switzerland  
Tearfund – UK  
Transform Aid International – Australia  
World Concern – USA  
World Relief – USA  
World Renew - Canada & USA  
ZOA – The Netherlands