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6. The humanitarian response is growing. IOM have taken the lead in co-ordination and are now assisting 5-6,000 households through local partners, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Zimbabwe Red Cross. The churches have played a major role on the ground but have been overwhelmed and do not have the infrastructure or capacity to meet the level of need. The key areas of need are shelter, clean water, food, and blankets, sanitation and disease control. IOM say that the supplies of water and power have been shut off in many of the devastated areas. Access to victims has been variable with GOZ in some cases such as Mutare (Manicaland) ordering the cessation of all relief to affected families.

7. Civil Society and MDC have formed a Broad Alliance to with a programme of peaceful resistance and demonstrations. A stay away has been called for 9 and 10 June to coincide with the opening of Parliament.

COMMENT