

- Transport arranged for at least 660 families destined for different parts of Manicaland.
 - Approximately 9,000 beneficiaries reached countrywide by Zimbabwe Red Cross. The majority are existing beneficiaries of home based care programmes affected by the evictions, and also other poor and affected households in the operational vicinity.
 - Many smaller interventions are ongoing and will come on board with the coordination process in due course.
19. The most significant challenge to delivery of assistance at present is a lack of information. There is urgent need to:
- Determine the number of people affected, their location, condition and needs.
 - Identify and support NGOs/CBOs and churches that are in a position to provide appropriate assistance to vulnerable groups.
 - Identify rural locations where people are returning and provide support through existing livelihoods programmes.
 - Order more blankets and other non-food items to replace stocks. (IOM has placed a significant order for blankets for urgent use and replacement of stock from Mozambique).

Advocacy

20. Advocacy interventions to date include the following:
21. The UN Special Envoy, James Morris, visited President Robert Mugabe on 1 June to discuss issues relating to food shortages in the region. In a subsequent private meeting Morris conveyed a personal message to Mugabe from the UN Secretary General, addressing issues relating to humane treatment of all citizens, and respect for human rights.
22. The UN Envoy for Adequate Housing, Miloon Kothari, spoke from Geneva on Friday 3, condemning the evictions and destruction of property as a clear violation of human rights.
23. On 2 June, HMA and the Head of DFID made a courtesy call on the Zimbabwean Vice President, Joyce Mujuru. HMA expressed concern over the brutality and consequences of the displacements. Worryingly, Mujuru indicated that GoZ was confident that the approach was proportionate and appropriate. She likened the problem of overcrowded urban areas to a "boil that needed to be squeezed hard in order to restore the dignity of Zimbabwean people"
24. DFID have also pressed the UN RC/HC to make representations to GoZ and keep donors informed. Consequently, a meeting is scheduled for 7 June which DFID and the Embassy will attend We will report separately on the outcomes of this meeting.