

# Pentecost Appeal for Mozambique

## Cyclones Idai and Kenneth\*



On 14<sup>th</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April **two cyclones hit Mozambique:** the largest climate related catastrophe in the southern hemisphere

- Devastation in all 3 of our partner Dioceses
- 1000 dead; people stranded on rooftops for days
- >1 million displaced; 285,000 homes destroyed or damaged
- land inundated - inland sea size of Dorset;
- 2,975 sq miles crops destroyed just before harvest (x3 Dorset)
- Risk of starvation; cholera; malaria
- Isolated places in Cabo Delgado still not reached

**The Diocese of London Pentecost Appeal aims to:**

- **Raise THE SPIRIT of the Mozambican church by asking every London parish to take a special Pentecost collection to**
- **help re-build churches, church schools & church housing**
- This work is not the remit of the NGO's and International Agencies currently doing post Cyclone work, but is a core aspect of ALMA:
- **'Being church together' is the DNA of our partnership**
- There are so many damaged and destroyed churches from city churches like St Jorge's Beira to village churches. Their loss compromises all ministry, mission and community outreach. Now is a good time for London parishes to consider becoming link parishes to partner and journey with the vibrant resourceful but suffering Mozambican church.



**What are we doing to help?**

**ALMA has already sent £9,000 to our three partner Dioceses: Lebombo, Niassa and Nampula** to contribute to their immediate relief work, but only now, as the rescue and emergency phases end, are the most remote places being reached and the scale of loss and damage being revealed.

**However, there is still much to be done in terms of rebuilding and reconstruction.**

For further information, stories, power point, and the plans of the three Dioceses visit [www.london.anglican.org](http://www.london.anglican.org)

**Please give**

- Churches - bank transfer via LDF ref ALMA Cyclone
- Online at <https://www.give.net/ALMApentecostappeal>
- Cheques payable to London Diocesan Fund (ALMA Cyclone Appeal) posted to ALMA, London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU. Gift Aid form on website.

\*The Diocese of London has a thriving Companion Link Partnership: ALMA (Angola London Mozambique Association) with the Anglican Churches in Angola and Mozambique - since 1998.