

## Flooding in Mozambique



**Flooding can happen all over the world for different reasons, including heavy rainstorms. It can happen very quickly and cause a lot of damage.**

On 15th March 2019, a strong tropical storm hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, causing flooding. Homes, buildings and schools were destroyed. The flood washed away farmer's crops leaving them with nothing to eat and no produce to sell at market.

Across the three countries:

- + Over 800 people were killed
- + Hundreds of thousands of people left homeless needing emergency shelter
- + Left 3 million people in desperate need of help

## Rita's story



RITA (CENTRE) WITH HER SON, IVO MATEUS, DAUGHTER ANTONIA (LEFT), AND HER NEIGHBOUR

Rita is a mum of two children and lives in Mozambique. The flooding washed away their home and destroyed almost everything they owned.

Rita told us, *"Our house is gone, it is destroyed. Our clothes are gone, everything is gone. The rain was so heavy...water just filled our houses. Our homes are now like rivers."*

SCIAF's partner, Caritas Mozambique, helped families like Rita's by distributing emergency food, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, plus basic materials for people to build a temporary shelter to sleep in.

Generous SCIAF supporters raised over £235,000 to help survivors. This helped to provide families with:

- + Emergency food including oil, rice and beans
- + Sleeping mats and blankets
- + Mosquito nets
- + Cooking utensils like pans and cutlery

As well as providing immediate help, SCIAF will continue to work with families in Mozambique and Malawi in the months and years ahead to help them rebuild their homes and their lives.