



Beira – Mozambique left in the Dark

Introduction



Beira, a port city in Mozambique which serves as a centre for shipping and logistics in the central Mozambican and Central African region. The main imports are liquid fuels, fertilizers, wheat, heavy equipment, textiles and beverages. It is a fishing harbour, which includes canneries, processing plants and refrigeration stores for fisheries. On the night of March 14 cyclone Idai hit the port city of Beira, bringing winds of over 200 kmph. Heavy rains caused severe flooding and damages to roads and communications.

The Challenge

Airport authorities forced to close Beira international airport after the air traffic control tower, navigation systems and runways were damaged by the storm.

Hotels that were not destroyed in cyclone were full. Almost all roads and bridges were destroyed, fallen trees and powerlines were in the middle of road making it impossible to get into Beira. The World Bank estimates the direct economic losses from Cyclone Idai in Mozambique to range from \$656 million – \$773 million.



The Solution



Unable to send technical assistance from SA, the end-user had no choice but to install satellite on satellite phone. Our technical department sent installation document via Whatsapp. End-user was guided through each step to build the site and the satellite was successfully installed.

"I am very grateful for the assistance and support received from Q-KON – Justin Jamie, Client Liason Officer."

