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PRESS RELEASE

BOTSWANA PROVIDES HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO MALAWI MOZAMBIQUE AND ZIMBABWE AFTER IMPACT BY CYCLONE IDAI

Gaborone, 21 March 2019: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform the public that a decision has been taken by the Government of Botswana to provide emergency humanitarian relief to sisterly countries of Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, affected by Cyclone Idai. The Cyclone which, triggered massive floods and landslides has claimed many lives, left tens of thousands displaced or homeless, and many others missing. It has also caused immense damage to property and infrastructure (roads, communications, bridges and buildings).

In the wake of this natural disaster, all three countries launched general international appeals for support. The Government of Botswana has responded to these appeals, and intends to provide emergency humanitarian relief assistance to the three countries in the **form of water purifying solutions, non-perishable food-stuffs and blankets.**

The Government of Botswana further **appeals to the public** to support the Government's efforts by donating:

- Packaged non-perishable goods ready for delivery, with a shelf life of at least 3 months
- Blankets.
- Water purifying solutions.
- All donations should be **new and properly labeled.**

The donations should be dropped off from **25 to 26 March, 2019** for transportation to Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe by the Government, at the following premises in Gaborone:

- AGS Frasers International

P.O. Box 201874

Bontleng

- Nice Touch Investments

P.O. Box 402299

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For any further information, please contact Ms. Daphne Mlotshwa or Ms. Gomotsang Nkanga at 3600700/ 3600754/ 3600744/ 3600703.

The Government wishes to thank the public in advance for its cooperation and support during this time of need. "Matlo go sha mabapi, Mabogo dinku a thebana"

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