

Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General

The following is a near-verbatim transcript of today's noon briefing by Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesman for the Secretary-General.

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Quick humanitarian update from Mozambique: Our colleagues there tell us that Tropical Cyclone Gombe made landfall in Nampula Province today. According to estimates from national authorities, it has the potential to impact more than 584,000 people, almost 700 health centres and over 7,000 schools. We are especially concerned about the 1.4 million people living in high-risk areas that will be exposed to the cyclone for four consecutive days. We are in close contact with authorities to provide immediate support and humanitarian assistance. This new crisis comes in addition to the impact of Storm Ana, which hit the country in January, and the ongoing complex crisis in Cabo Delgado that has displaced 730,000 people. Mozambique needs \$400 million for the humanitarian response to the crisis in the north and Cyclone Gombe will bring in additional pressure on humanitarian needs as well as on the country's economy.