

Thunderstorm in Mozambique

On 15 March Friday, 2019, the cyclone Idai passed through Beira, Mozambique, where our confreres Fr. Laurensius, Philander and Bernardo are living. On Friday evening with great difficulty Fr. Johnson Furtado, the Regional Superior talked to Fr. Laurensius, and later he managed to contact Fr. Philander who described the damage that was caused by the cyclone—destruction of a lot of houses and business establishments, fallen trees and the swollen rivers are seen everywhere; people are without food, water to drink and shelter, many families have lost their loved ones, all their community chapels are collapsed, etc. There is no electricity and no communication. The regional is trying to keep contact with our confreres.

Our confreres are safe, but the compound wall is damaged, one palm tree fell on their chapel (SVD community chapel), another mango tree fell on the house and destroyed the house. Rain still continues, because of the rain it is still difficult to go out and see the destruction caused by the cyclone.

We pray at this time of calamity for our confreres and all the people of Mozambique, especially the people of the city of Beira. May the Lord of life gives them strength and hope to move forward of this difficult situation.





