



STATEMENT

BY

**THE PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY
CDE. E. D. MNANGAGWA**

AT THE

**MEETING WITH THE CORPORATE WORLD
ON OCCASION OF TROPICAL CYCLONE
FREDDY DEVASTATION IN MALAWI**

27 MARCH 2023

Director of Ceremonies;

Vice President and Minister of Health and Child Care,
Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Dr. C.G.D.N. Chiwenga;

Vice President and Second Secretary of ZANU PF, Col
(Rtd) K. C. D. Mohadi;

National Chairman of ZANU PF, and Minister of
Defence and War Veterans Affairs, Hon. O. C. Z.
Muchinguri -Kashiri;

Inter-Ministerial Committee on Resource Mobilisation;

Oher Honourable Ministers;

Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet, Dr M. J. M.
Sibanda;

Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Dr V.
Hungwe;

Senior Government Officials here present;

Captains of Industry and Commerce;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Comrades and Friends.

It is with a deep sense of sorrow and sympathy that; I address you in view of the devastating effects of Tropical Cyclone Freddy experienced in our sister Republic of Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique.

On behalf of the people and Government of Zimbabwe, and indeed on my own behalf, I express my deepest commiseration to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Malawi, Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, the bereaved families and the country at large, on account of the negative impact of Tropical Cyclone Freddy. Zimbabwe stands in full support of and empathises with our dear brothers and sisters in Malawi during this trying and challenging time.

Lasting for a period close to a month now, Tropical Cyclone Freddy left, in Malawi, approximately 35 000 people internally displaced, and at least 500 lost their lives, with thousands injured.

A trail of destruction is also evident including on infrastructure such as houses, health institutions, schools, roads and bridges, among others. Madagascar and Mozambique including some parts of Zimbabwe, were not spared either by this Tropical Cyclone.

I want to commend, the ongoing collaboration of the Department of Civil Protection of Zimbabwe, Disaster Mitigation and Management Unit of Malawi and the SADC Humanitarian Emergency Operations Centre for the successful coordinated responses realised to date. Equally, the gaps and attendant areas that require urgent attention are critical. These give us strategic pointers towards helping our dear brothers and sisters to build back better, faster and stronger.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

In keeping with our enduring adage, ‘an injury to one is an injury to us all’ and the philosophy of Ubuntu/Hunhu as well as the long standing cordial relations between our two countries, my Government through

ZimAid has already donated 30 000 ten kg bags of maize meal.

To augment such efforts and the desire to see the accelerated reduction of the impact of Tropical Cyclone Freddy disaster in Malawi, I take the opportunity of this gathering to appeal to you our captains of industry and all well-wishers across the country and including those in the diaspora to play part in our collective national resource mobilisation.

Drawing from the lessons with regards our response to Cyclone Idai, our goal is to realise the restoration of livelihoods as well as to complement the ongoing processes to build resilience and adaptive capacities among affected communities.

Together, as the people of Zimbabwe, from all provinces, socio-economic spectrum, churches and across the gender divide, let us rally all our efforts to assist the people of Malawi. Blessed is the hand that gives, brings hope, love and care.

In conclusion, I want to thank you all for the kind donations you will endeavour to extend towards assisting our dear brothers and sisters in the Sister Republic of Malawi during this darkest moment.

God bless you all.

God bless Zimbabwe.

I thank you.