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## PRESS RELEASE

### UGANDA EXTENDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RELIEF FOR THE VICTIMS AFFECTED BY THE TROPICAL CYCLONE IDAI.

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The Republic of Uganda has joined the International Community and the rest of the World in providing relief assistance to the People of Mozambique following the aftermath of the devastating effects caused by Cyclone Idai.

The financial assistance amounting to \$200,000 (Two hundred thousand US Dollars) was announced yesterday by Hon. Okello Oryem, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of International Affairs. This follows an approved decision by Cabinet of the Government of Uganda and a directive by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda in fulfilment of his pledge to rally support to assist victims affected by this disaster that occurred from 4th March - 21st March 2019.

Hon. Lt. Col (Rtd) Dr. Bright Rwamirama, the Minister of State for Defence in charge of Veteran Affairs, Gen. Ivan Koreta, Hon. Member of Parliament representing the Uganda's People's Defence Force (UPDF) and H.E Richard Kabonero Uganda's High Commissioner accredited to the Republic of Mozambique, will be in charge of oversight coordination and ensuring that this contribution is duly received to aid in provision of relief assistance to the victims affected by this disaster.

Hon. Okello Oryem, emphasized that this gesture is a sign of good will & commitment expressed by the Government and People of the Republic of Uganda assuring of more assistance to be provided in solidarity with countries affected by this disaster.

The Cyclone in its wake, followed by torrential rains and massive floods caused catastrophic damage of property and infrastructure claiming more than 400 lives with the Republic of Mozambique registering most of the casualties according to Official statistics. Cyclone Idai is regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to have affected the Southern Hemisphere particularly the SADC countries of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Madagascar leaving hundreds dead and several more missing.

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