Pummeling Southeast Africa’s coast just six weeks apart, Cyclones Idai and Kenneth delivered devastating blow after blow. Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Comoros, Madagascar, Tanzania, the French department of Mayotte. All suffered the storms’ wrath, sustaining unprecedented damage, and loss of life and livelihood.

In all, more than 1,300 people perished, and hundreds of thousands were left homeless.

Idai and Kenneth caused a humanitarian crisis never before seen in this part of the world, leaving more than three million people in desperate need. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) responded swiftly, awarding US$80,000 in grants enabling Lions to provide immediate relief including food and 700 water purifiers, vital to stemming the cholera outbreak that had begun. Said Lions Past International Director Hastings Chiti, “We salute LCIF for the humanitarian interventions it provides when disasters strike mankind.”

LCIF also empowered Lions to help ensure a brighter future for the children, providing funds to renovate two schools in Mozambique, and classrooms in Zimbabwe and Malawi.

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LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Disaster relief is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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