CYCLONE IDAI, REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORST TROPICAL CYCLONES ON RECORD, CONTINUES TO CAUSE DEVASTATION ACROSS SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE, AND MALAWI THE MOST SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED. THE BWA CALLS UPON ALL BWA BAPTISTS TO JOIN US IN PRAYER:

• Over 650 people have died with the death toll likely to climb. Please pray for the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

• Multiple cholera cases have been discovered in Muhavva, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the port city of Beira. Malaria is also on the rise, so please pray that these illnesses and others will not spread.

• This will disrupt the harvest season, so impact on long-term livelihoods is significant. Please pray for the immediate needs of these families and for economic stability as they rebuild.

• Pray for the churches in these regions – many whose buildings, members, and surrounding communities have been affected. Pray that they will be a witness to God's love and be equipped with the resources to restore what has been lost.

• Communication is still difficult. Communities and relief agencies are struggling to connect and remain in touch with friends and family in the affected areas. Please pray for efforts to restore the communication infrastructure as quickly as possible.

• Rachel Conway-Doel, Baptist World Alliance Forum for Aid and Development (BFAD) Facilitator, is on location in the region to assess needs. Pray for this time to be fruitful and for the days ahead as the response plan is implemented.