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Think critically about what makes some people more vulnerable to disasters than others

A short resource for 9–14 year olds

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What is a disaster?



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What is a disaster?

You don't bother revising and fail your exams.

Your house burns down but you are fully insured.

You lose everything in a flood. Thousands of people in your area are affected. Local roads and bridges have been swept away.



Hurricane Florence



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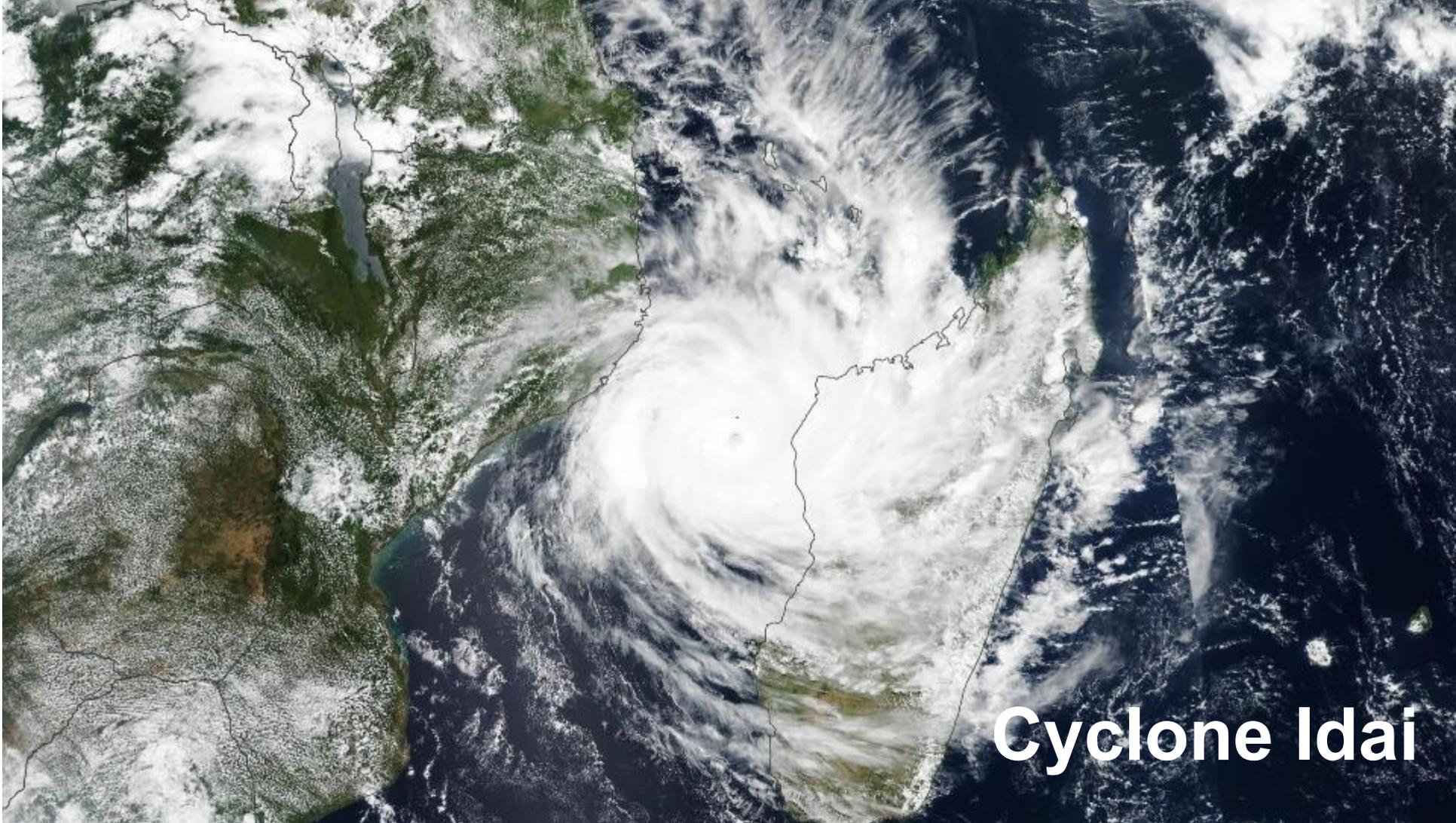


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Where are Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe?





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Why are some disasters worse than others?



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Types of disaster

Floods (weather-related)



Droughts (weather-related)



Storms (weather-related)



Earthquakes (geological)



The impact of a disaster depends on...

- The **vulnerability** of people living in a disaster area.
- The **resilience** of the people affected by a disaster.
- Whether governments, people and other organisations are **prepared** for a disaster.



Vulnerability

Resilience



Being prepared



The human impact of a disaster is influenced by...



London, UK



Niamey, Niger

... the wealth and resources of a country's government and people.

The human impact of a disaster is influenced by...



... the degree of inequality within a country.

Responding to disasters



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Responding to disasters

- **Humanitarian response:** meet people's basic needs just after a disaster.
- **Development:** rebuild following a disaster.
- **Building resilience:** support people to protect themselves against disasters.
- **Campaigning:** persuade governments to do more to support poor people at risk from disasters.



Humanitarian response



Development



Building resilience



Campaigning

Take action



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