

SSAB donates roof panels to cyclone victims in Mozambique

Two cyclones, Idai and Kenneth, struck Mozambique within the space of about a month and destroyed huge tracts of land, resulting in enormous human suffering. Now Plannja, part of Ruukki Construction, is assisting the victims of these natural disasters by giving them roof panels to help them rebuild destroyed homes, hospitals and schools.

More than 10,000 square meters of roof panels will be transported with the help of aid organization Human Bridge. One shipload is already on its way.

“When disasters like this strike, we all need to pull together. There are hospitals where patients are receiving care under the open skies. We hope our roof panels will be useful for the rebuilding work,” says Claes Axelsson, Business Director Scandinavia at Plannja.

These cyclones may be the worst in the region in 20 years, and hundreds of thousands of people are affected. Many of the buildings in the port town of Beira, home to half a million people, have been destroyed.

“We will be helping by providing complete roof profiles made of color-coated sheet metal supplied by SSAB. We manufacture roof profiles here at Plannja and cut it them to the right length,” explains Claes Axelsson, Business Director Scandinavia at Plannja.

These sheets are a vital contribution to the rebuilding work following the disaster, and Human Bridge will work with their contacts in the area to make sure they are received by the people in greatest need.

“All of us at Human Bridge are very grateful for cooperation with SSAB and Plannja. Supplementing the aid we are providing with roof panels is an extremely valuable contribution to the victims,” says Robert Bergman, Director at Human Bridge.

About Human Bridge:

Human Bridge is a Swedish aid organization working for people and the environment. Collecting, reconditioning and delivering discarded medical equipment, used textiles and necessary supplies is helping to improve conditions for people in vulnerable countries and ensuring fairer distribution of resources. www.humanbridge.se, facebook.com/humanbridge.se

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