



STATEMENT

BY

**HIS EXCELLENCY MR. JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

AND

THE CHAIRPERSON OF SADC

ON THE LAUNCH OF THE SADC REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

20TH MAY 2024

LUANDA, REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

- **Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government**
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- **Representatives of our Cooperating Partners**
- **Representatives of the Media houses;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

As I mentioned in my remarks earlier this morning, our region is experiencing a humanitarian crisis, as a result of the El Niño induced drought and floods which has negatively impacted the lives and livelihoods of over **61 million people** in the SADC region.

I am now launching a Regional Appeal amounting to **U\$5.5 billion** to support the humanitarian needs and disaster response recovery of millions of our people affected by the El- Niño-induced drought and floods in our region.

The SADC Regional Appeal complements the on-going efforts by the SADC Member States and covers all relevant sectors of the region's economy to enable a holistic approach to addressing the impacts of the El Niño induced drought and floods. It aims to address immediate humanitarian needs as well as long term developmental and resilience-building requirements.

In launching this Appeal today, we appeal to the International Community, the Private Sector and individuals of good will to assist to meet the needs of the affected populations. Charity begins at home, so we say, may I appeal to SADC Member States that have the capacity to assist the affected Member States to do so in keeping with our long-standing tradition of regional solidarity and cooperation. To the media, I appeal to you to use your wide reach and influence to highlight the needs of the affected populations and draw the attention of the international community to the urgency and scale of the humanitarian situation that our region faces to help in our resource mobilisation efforts for this Appeal.

Thanks You very much
Merci Beaucoup
Muito Obrigado
Asanteni Sana