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With an estimated 150 000 people displaced during the current floods in Mozambique, the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) will on Thursday, 31 January 2013, assist the Non-Governmental Organisation, Gift of the Givers by transporting more than 150tons of food to flood stricken areas in Mozambique.

This deployment also includes primary health care nurses, dieticians and environmental health officers to assess the needs of the people and where necessary to identify special dietary needs.

This joint operation has made possible for the SANDF Rescue Team to distribute food as the flood levels have been steadily residing and the search and rescue operations undertaken by the SANDF are making way for food distribution actions.

The SANDF is still on standby in the flood stricken areas with helicopters, medical personnel and search and rescue teams.

The Chief of the SA National Defence Force would like to commend all the members involved for their swift mobilisation and deployment to assist our neighbours.

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