Thousands starve in Mozambique

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MAPUTO. — More than 4 000 are starving in the Fingoe area of Tete province in north-western Mozambique.

More than 2 200 of the starving people are children, officials have said.

Mr Rocha Navunga, provincial director of the Disasters Relief Organisation, said all roads linking the provincial capital to Fingoe had been cut by Renamo rebels. They were trying to reach the area with relief aid via Malawi and Zambia. He could not say how many people had died.

At the weekend it was reported that dozens of people were dying daily of starvation in the Gile district of northern Mozambique.

Mozambican officials were quoted as saying that over a million people were threatened with starvation in the province of Zambezia where Gile district is located. In the past two months 850 people were said to have died of starvation in Gile district.

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