

# Aid: Renamo, UN blamed

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**THE United Nations and Renamo are being blamed for failure to begin transporting emergency food aid in Mozambique.**

Deputy Co-operation Minister Oidemiro Baloi said a month after an agreement between Renamo rebels and the Mozambique Government to allow emergency food to be transported to all parts of the country, not a single convoy to anywhere had been organised.

He blamed the implementing committee, chaired by a UN representative, for the delay and accused Renamo of failing to appoint a permanent representative to the committee, which has to inform the government and Renamo of the routes and destinations of aid.

Mozambique's official news agency AIM reports that Mr Baloi "was clearly annoyed" at the delay. He said the government had wanted to organise a convoy into Renamo-held areas immediately after the agreement had been signed.

Mr Baloi admitted there were serious difficulties with the agreement, which exempts convoys from attacks only if they fly UN or Red Cross flags and are not accompanied by military escorts.

He said even if Renamo did not attack, the convoys would still be vulnerable to ordinary criminal gangs, or simply to hungry people who have acquired firearms, which are readily available in Mozambique.