

Aid appeal for Mozambique

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HARARE — Two of Britain's biggest overseas aid agencies yesterday launched a joint appeal to raise \$11 million to help Mozambicans facing hunger and poverty because of continued MNR bandit attacks.

According to a statement released by Oxfam's Zimbabwe office, this is the first ever joint appeal by Oxfam and Save the Children, and will be aimed at providing relief to the worst hit areas.

"We must not wait for famine to strike, and terrifying television pictures to rouse the compassion of the world. If we act now, and if we get public and international support, the worst can be averted and thousands of lives saved," said the director general of Save the Children, Mr Nicholas Hinton, in the statement.

The statement highlights the toll that has been exerted on Mozambique by the MNR backed by South Africa, which has waged a relentless war using terror tactics. — Own Corr.