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LARARE — The British government's assistance to Mozambique has so far risen to more than \$27,5 million, a statement from the High Commission here said yesterday.

The latest official assistance was announced by Britain's Overseas Development Minister, Mr Christopher Patten, and comprises \$15 million in food aid, \$2,5 million for disaster relief, and \$3,25 million to relieve the plight of displaced Mozambicans.

A joint Mozambique appeal by two top British voluntary agencies, Oxfam and Save the Children, has raised \$2,75 million for relief programmes, in just six weeks.

The money will be used towards the costs of continuing relief programmes by the two agencies to supply cereals, supplementary foods, seeds, tools, cooking utensils, transport and clothing.

In addition to their monetary contributions, Britons have also given 2,5 million T-shirts, mainly for Mozambique. This was in response to an appeal by the BBC children's programme, Blue Peter. — Own Corr.