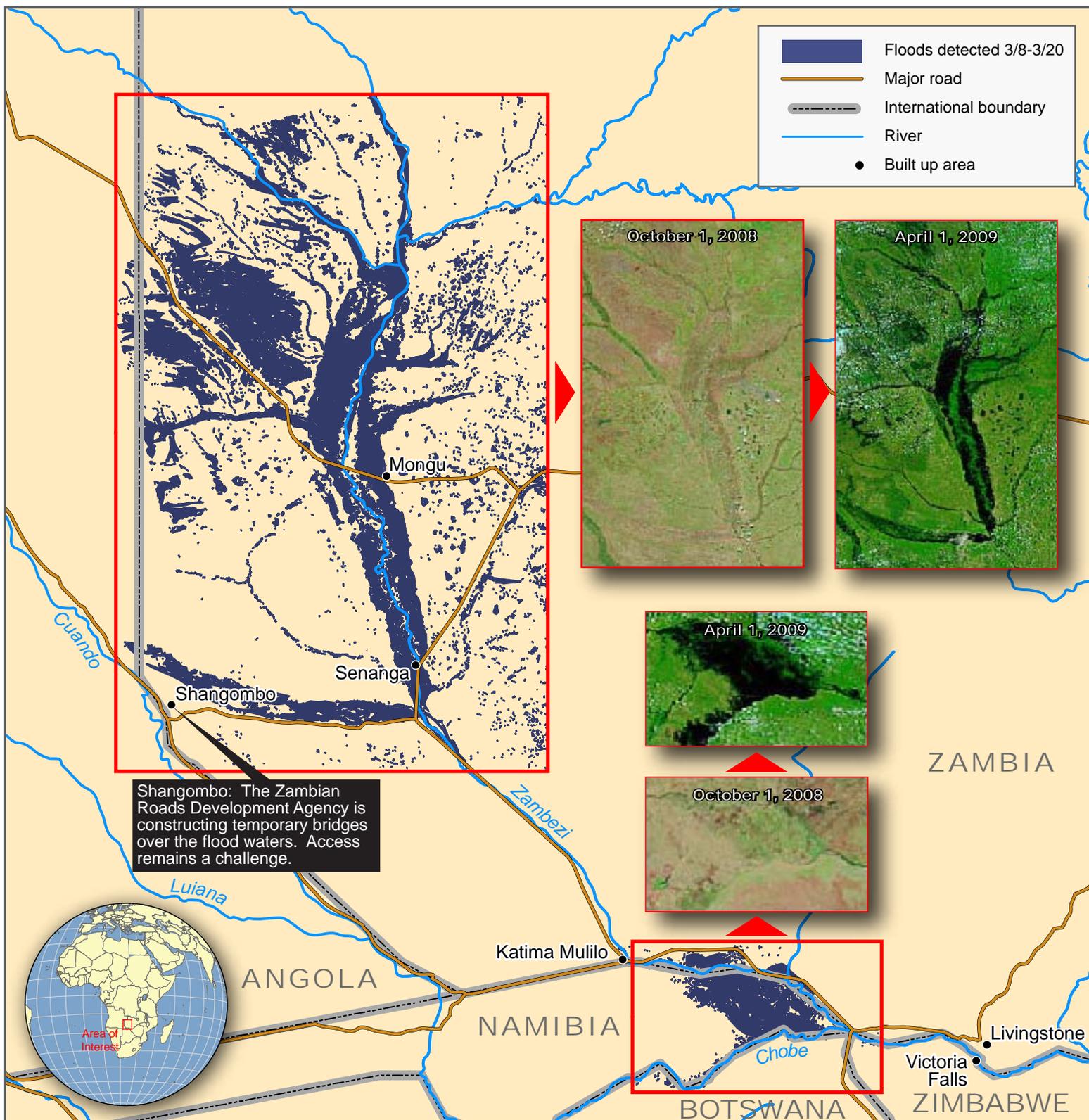


# Flood Affected Areas in the Upper Zambezi Watershed



Heavy rainfall in early March created flash floods and increased the level of the Zambezi River affecting adjacent cropland and pasture areas. Additional runoff from neighboring Angola is adding to river levels, exacerbating the flooding downstream. Standing water has destroyed 80 percent of rice fields and damaged 65 percent of maize cultivated along the river plain. Maize yields are still expected to be higher than last year, due partly to augmentation of the Zambian government's fertilizer support program, which resulted in an increase in area planted for this season. The Zambian government has not issued an international appeal, but is relying on support from regional partners. The Zambia Red Cross Society is assisting with priority needs while the Zambian military is building temporary bridges and airlifting supplies to inaccessible areas.