

Mozambique

1st – 31st of May 2020

UNHCR confirmed the presence of over 500 IDPs from the Province of Cabo Delgado in the Province of Nampula, during a protection monitoring mission to the district of Meconta

UNHCR conducted a mission to Ibo District in the Province of Cabo Delgado to assess the situation of IDPs and plan protection activities to assist families displaced by violence

UNHCR and partners distributed Core Relief Items to 510 IDP families in Sofala Province with special needs as part of the COVID-19 preventive measures

KEY INDICATORS AS OF 31ST OF MAY

26,257

Refugees and asylum-seekers living in Mozambique

93,516

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in the Province of Sofala affected by Cyclone Idai as of 31 December 2019

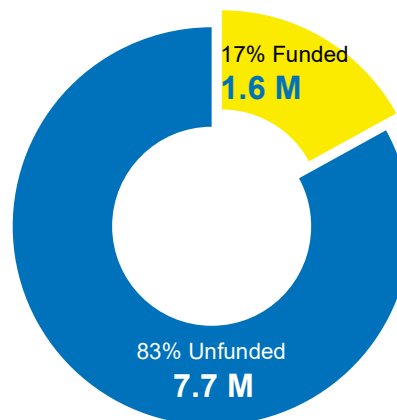
211,000

Estimated IDPs in the Province of Cabo Delgado according to OCHA as a result of violence

FUNDING (AS OF 31ST OF MAY)

USD 9.3 M

requested for the Mozambique situation



Refugees and Asylum-seekers as of 31st of May 2020

| Country of Origin | Asylum-Seekers | Refugees | Total |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| DRC | 6,921 | 2,954 | 9,875 |
| Burundi | 7,725 | 904 | 8,629 |
| Somalia | 3,321 | 154 | 3,475 |
| Rwanda | 3,039 | 675 | 3,714 |
| Others | 531 | 33 | 564 |
| Total | 21,537 | 4,720 | 26,257 |

Refugees and Asylum-seekers per area:

- In Maratane refugee camp (Nampula): 9,483
- In urban areas: 16,774



As part of the COVID-19 prevention response in Mozambique, UNHCR and partners distributed Core-relief items (a 50 lts bucket with tap; a 20 lts bucket and 5 soap bars) to families affected by Cyclone Idai last year who are currently living in IDP resettlement sites in Sofala Province. ©UNHCR/Deiliany Souza.

Operational Context

UNHCR's operations aim at addressing the needs of the most vulnerable groups, including refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people (IDPs), integrating where possible the host communities to promote peaceful coexistence and social cohesion, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

In Mozambique, UNHCR leads the National Protection Cluster, as part of the inter-agency response. UNHCR works with the Government at a Central level to enhance the rights of persons of concern and also provides protection counselling to urban refugees and asylum-seekers in Maputo. In Beira, UNHCR closed its Field Unit on 31 May 2020 after being involved in the response to Cyclone Idai since March 2019 in leading protection interventions and providing core relief items and shelter materials to IDPs. In Nampula, UNHCR works together with the Government and partners to provide multisectoral assistance to approximately 9,500 refugees and asylum-seekers living in Maratane refugee camp. Furthermore, UNHCR has been scaling up its presence in Cabo Delgado Province since November 2019 and its involvement in the inter-agency response to address the growing needs of IDPs as a result of the escalation of violence in the Province over the last months.

On 1 April 2020, the Government declared the State of Emergency in the country due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. As a result, UNHCR adapted its operations to the context of COVID-19 and is currently implementing activities to assist protecting refugees, asylum-seekers and IDPs.



Closure of UNHCR Field Unit in Beira, Sofala Province

- In line with the responsible disengagement strategy, UNHCR closed Beira Field Unit in Sofala Province at the end of May 2020, which was established in March 2019 to coordinate the Protection Cluster at the field level and provide assistance to IDPs in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai. The humanitarian response of the Protection Cluster in Sofala Province included the following three phases: Emergency (March-June 2019); Early-Recovery (July-December 2019) and Integration (January-May 2020). The January-May 2020 Strategic Direction focused on conducting a responsible disengagement, including the handover of humanitarian activities to the local authorities and the integration of IDPs in the new communities where they were resettled/relocated to. This included empowering and stimulating the capacity of local authorities to coordinate protection activities, in addition to identifying challenges to the integration of IDPs in the new localities. UNHCR, as the National Protection Cluster lead agency, will continue providing technical advice on protection activities in the Province of Sofala from Maputo, as necessary.

Protection Monitoring

- **Nampula:** On 21 May, UNHCR observed the presence of approximately 500 IDPs (95 families), mainly women and children, in Nampula Province coming from Cabo Delgado Province during a protection monitoring mission to the village of Namialo, district of Meconta, approximately 100 km from the city of Nampula. During a meeting with the local authorities and the local Committee of the National Disasters Management Institute (INGC), UNHCR was informed that IDPs started arriving in Nampula on the 8th of May 2020 from the districts of Cabo Delgado that have experienced an intensification of attacks from insurgents in April and May 2020. This includes the districts of Muidumbe, Nangade, Macomia, Mocimboa da Praia and Mueda. As most IDPs lost their belongings while fleeing violence in Cabo Delgado, they are in urgent need of food and core relief items (CRIs) such as tents, sleeping mats, blankets, clothes, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, soap and facemasks, as part of the COVID-19 preventive measures. UNHCR will continue working closely with the local authorities and partners to provide protection assistance to IDPs arriving in Nampula, including the COVID-19 prevention activities.
- **Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR conducted a protection monitoring mission to Ibo District from 21 – 22 May to assess the current protection needs of IDPs, plan protection intervention, and establish links with local authorities. During the mission, which was jointly organized with IOM, UNHCR met with the local administrator, who allowed full access to the district and welcomed the proposed projects to be implemented by UNHCR.

Registration

- UNHCR is advocating with the National Institute for Refugee Assistance (INAR) to strengthen access to registration and issuance of IDs for refugees and asylum-seekers in the context of COVID-19 restrictions, and on the possibility of conducting remote registration through smartphones.

Outreach and Community Based Protection

- In Sofala Province, 21 community Protection Focal Points (PFP) working in IDP resettlement neighborhoods disseminated door-to-door messages on COVID-19 prevention and mitigation, as well as referral pathways to around ten households. The PFPs also disseminated information on health services available to IDPs and aided in the distribution of Core-Relief-Items (CRIs) as part of COVID-19 prevention measures.
- UNHCR's implementing partner for legal assistance, Comissão Episcopal para Migrantes, Refugiados e Deslocados (CEMIRDE), conducted awareness-raising activities on COVID-19 preventive measures in the neighborhoods of Maputo and Nampula Provinces hosting refugees and asylum-seekers. The door-to-door information campaign targeted shops owned by refugees and asylum-seekers. Approximately 120 families have received information and awareness-raising materials in line with technical requirements of the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) during the reporting period.

Security from violence and exploitation

- In view of the relevance of sexual exploitation and abuse prevention and response during the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR supported two local NGOs (CERMIDE and the Mozambican Association for Sexual Minorities Rights Defence- LAMBDA) in submitting proposals for the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Interagency Community Outreach and Communications Fund on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). The IASC fund has been supported by UNHCR, particularly in its current tenure as IASC Champion on PSEA. The two supported organizations, CEMIRDE (regular legal assistance partner for UNCHR in Mozambique) and LAMBDA (one of the key advocacy organizations on LGBTI) proposed relevant interventions on information, education and communication (IEC) materials on PSEA tailored to the local context.

**EDUCATION**

- In Nampula, UNHCR is engaged in discussions with the Ministry of Education to establish a plan to provide training on COVID-19 preventive measures to teachers and rehabilitate school infrastructures in Maratane.

**HEALTH**

- On 25 May, Nampula Province registered the first positive case of COVID-19. No cases of refugees or asylum-seekers living in the Maratane refugee camp, which is 35km distance from the city of Nampula, have been reported.
- UNHCR is mapping existing mental health and psychosocial support services in Maratane refugee camp, Nampula Province, to establish referral pathway mechanisms for refugees and asylum-seekers living in the camp during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- UNHCR, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Government initiated the General Food Distribution (GFD) to refugees and asylum-seekers in Maratane (respecting COVID-19 prevention measures, including social distancing, the use of masks and handwashing). The distribution started on 25 May and is expected to end on 6 June 2020. The food distributed includes rice, oil, beans, flour and salt and aims at covering the food needs for two months.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- During the GFD (25 May - 6 June), UNHCR also distributed soap to refugees and asylum-seekers living in Maratane as part of the COVID-19 prevention measures and to reinforce hygiene practices. As of 28 May, 6,210 bars of soap (two bars per person) were distributed.

**SHELTER AND CRIS**

- To assist preventing COVID-19 in Sofala Province, UNHCR distributed 3,570 CRIs to 510 families with specific needs in IDP resettlement neighborhoods, under the umbrella of the protection cluster, with the support of the Child Protection and GBV sub-clusters (and respective partners). The CRIs distributed to each family included a 50-litre bucket with a tap, a small 20-litre bucket and 5 bars of soap. This distribution involved ten organizations (UNHCR, United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA, International Organization for Migration - IOM, United Nations Children Fund - UNICEF, Terre Des Hommes - TDH, Plan International, Light for the World, Oxfam, Associação Plataforma do Genero em Moçambique - PLAGEM, World Vision) and the government (Provincial Department of Gender, Children and Social Action – DPGCAS and the National Disasters Management Institute - INGC).

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT**

- UNHCR held a meeting at Maratane refugee camp with refugee leaders, INAR, and WFP to stress the importance of respecting COVID-19 preventive measures during the food and soap distribution (26 May to June) and to reinforce internal coordination among all stakeholders.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE**

- A group of 20 tailors (17 refugees and asylum-seekers and three members of the host community) involved in the project to produce cloth face masks in Maratane signed an agreement with German Development Agency (GIZ) for producing 5,000 masks, which were delivered during May.
- UNHCR supported the Ministry of Health to recruit 21 community health volunteers (CHV) for COVID-19 prevention, response, and surveillance in Maratane. UNHCR, INAR and the District Health Department conducted face-to-face interviews for 150 candidates to assess their knowledge on COVID-19. Among the 21 CHV selected (eleven women and ten men), eight are from the local community and 13 are refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR's Livelihoods Unit was also involved in this process to reinforce the wage employment component of this project.
- In line with the COVID-19 prevention measures, the Health District Department in Nampula is hiring 35 tailors (refugees, asylum-seekers and members of the host community) in and around Maratane to produce 10,000 cloth masks that will be distributed by the CHVs to refugees and asylum-seekers in Maratane. During a meeting between the group leaders, the Provincial Health Department and UNHCR, two cloth mask designs were selected.
- On the 27 and 28 May, cash-in-hand was provided to 166 participants of the Graduation Approach livelihoods programme through Kulima, UNHCR's implementing partner. This activity was conducted respecting COVID-19 preventive measures including social distancing, the use of face masks, and of hand washing stations.

**LOGISTICS**

- UNHCR inaugurated the new office premises in Pemba, which will have the capacity to accommodate up to ten staff members. The new office premises are aligned with UNHCR's strategy to scale up its operations in Cabo Delgado and provide assistance to IDPs as a result of the escalation of violence in the province.
- UNHCR CRIs, including tents, plastic sheets, sleeping mats, buckets and kitchen sets to assist around 15,000 IDPs in the Province of Cabo Delgado arrived in Pemba on the 29th of May and will be distributed in June 2020.

Working in partnership

UNHCR leads the National Protection Cluster and co-leads the Human Rights, Protection and Gender Working Group, and coordinates protection operations for refugees, asylum-seekers, displaced populations and stateless persons closely with the National Institute for Refugee Assistance (INAR); Ministry of Health (MoH); Ministry of Education and Human Development (MoE); Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Affairs (DPGCAS); Ministry of Interior; Episcopal Commission for Migrants, Refugees and IDPs (CEMIRDE); Scalabrini Brothers; KULIMA; CARE, FAO; IOM; UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, UN-Habitat; and WFP.

Regional Financial Information

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EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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