

# Mozambique

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Mozambique hosts approximately **28,800 refugees and asylum-seekers**, including 9,500 (33 per cent) living in Maratane settlement and the remaining 67 per cent living in urban areas. UNHCR continues to advocate for investment in livelihoods activities to support self-reliance.

To better address the needs of a growing number of IDPs in Cabo Delgado Province, UNHCR has recently declared **Level 2 Emergency in Mozambique** linked to the situation in Cabo Delgado, resulting in more capacity to respond to the growing humanitarian needs.

**UNHCR and partners adapted operations to the context of COVID-19** and committed to 'stay and deliver' protection and assistance to refugees and IDPs and host communities, including awareness-raising on prevention and preparedness measures.

## PEOPLE OF CONCERN (PoC)\*

### Countries of Origin

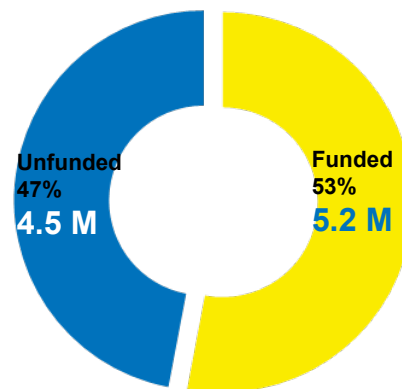


\* Information from 31 August 2020

## FUNDING (AS OF 25 AUGUST)

### USD 9.7 M

requested for the Mozambique operation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

20 National Staff

12 International Staff

(including UNVs and consultants)

### Offices:

- Branch Office in Maputo
- Field Offices in Nampula and Pemba



Focus group discussions in Montepuez District, Cabo Delgado Province, to assess possible livelihoods interventions in the area. ©UNHCR/Delliany Souza.

## Working with Partners

UNHCR coordinates protection operations for refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people (IDPs) and stateless people in close collaboration with the relevant Government institutions and UN agencies. The key Government institutions include the National Institute for Refugee Assistance (INAR); Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Human Development; Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Affairs (DPGCAS); Ministry of Interior.

UNHCR also works with international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to support effective delivery of protection interventions and operations in refugee camps and in urban areas, as well in the IDP response in northern parts of Mozambique. UNHCR's implementing partners include CARE, the Episcopal Commission for Migrants, and Refugees and IDPs (CEMIRDE), and KULIMA. UNHCR is also exploring expanding its partnerships to better respond to the needs of refugees and IDPs in the country.

## Main Activities

### REFUGEE RESPONSE

#### Protection

UNHCR promotes access for refugees and asylum-seekers to public services and for integrating them where possible with host communities to promote peaceful coexistence and social cohesion, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). Key activities include:

- UNHCR continues to advocate with the Government for the lifting of its reservations to the 1951 Convention in order to promote greater legal protection for refugees and asylum-seekers, especially given that the reservations no longer reflect the current practice in Mozambique, where favourable local integration opportunities exist.
- In terms of documentation, UNHCR carries out biometric registration of refugees in the country, delivering documents (together with INAR) to both refugees and asylum-seekers, considerably improving their legal protection in the country.

#### Education

- In Mozambique, asylum-seekers and refugees have access to education, as well as the right to work. In Maratane refugee settlement, there are two schools (primary and secondary) run by the Government through the Ministry of Education and supported by UNHCR. The primary school enrolls 1,489 PoCs and 1,268 Mozambicans and the secondary school hosts 501 PoCs and 212 Mozambicans.
- Refugees have access to tertiary education under the same conditions as nationals. However, the Government does not currently offer higher education scholarships to non-citizens. The DAFI scholarship - Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative - has presented an opportunity to bridge this gap. Currently, the operation has 34 students in the DAFI programme. Among the students, one of them has worked with UNHCR during the emergency in Beira, another completed an internship in Brazil, and others are enrolled in medical courses supporting the local community through internships in public hospitals in Mozambique.

### Health

- General health services: Improved health status of refugees and asylum-seekers has been achieved, through increasing access to health services and provision of local health referral systems, as well as establishment of monitoring and evaluation systems.
- UNHCR supports sexual and reproductive health service provision and promotes increased access for refugees and asylum-seekers.
- HIV/AIDS: UNHCR supports provision of medical assistance, prevention and treatment for refugees and asylum-seekers including counselling, testing and sensitisation.
- Mental health: UNHCR ensures psychological support and social support to refugees and asylum-seekers in need of mental health services.

### Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR partners with WFP and the Government of Mozambique to provide monthly food assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers living in Maratane refugee settlement. WFP is set to gradually reduce assistance on account of constraints in obtaining adequate funding.
- Through a partnership with CEMIRDE and the Scalabrini Brothers, UNHCR supports complementary feeding for children under five years of age to prevent malnutrition.

### Water and Sanitation

- In Maratane settlement, UNHCR have been distributing soap and face masks to refugees as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among refugees and host communities.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Since October 2016, UNHCR, WFP, FAO and UN Habitat have been implementing the livelihoods for durable solutions programme Enhancing Self-Reliance in a Protracted Refugee Situation in Maratane. The overarching goal is to enhance self-reliance of refugees, asylum-seekers and host communities through the implementation of a market-driven approach.
- UNHCR has launched the Poverty Alleviation Coalition in the Mozambique. Using the Graduation Approach, the coalition will work towards the shared vision of increasing self-reliance and economic inclusion of refugees and host communities.
- In the recent Global Refugee Forum, Mozambique pledged to continue implementing practices that contribute to a favourable environment towards local integration. For instance, the Government supports refugees by issuing declarations stating their right to work, including for asylum-seekers. Additionally, the Government has allocated 2,000 hectares of land to support refugees and asylum-seekers, including approximately 1,250 hectares dedicated to agricultural purposes.

## IDP RESPONSE

### Protection

UNHCR leads the National Protection Cluster in Maputo, the Sub-National Protection Cluster in Pemba and the Protection Working Group in Nampula, as part of the inter-agency IDP response. UNHCR continues to advocate with Government for the domestication of the recently ratified 'Kampala Convention' (formally, the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa). UNHCR has established a Field Office in Pemba to support the response in Cabo Delgado and has increased its footprint in the province by working with partners, local Government and others. Key activities include:

- UNHCR has established a partnership with CARE to jointly identify and map the main protection needs among vulnerable populations, as well as to provide specific response to vulnerable cases.

- UNHCR and the Protection Cluster have engaged in a multi-sectoral assessment of IDPs and host community in preparation for the possible relocation of approximately 2,000 families in Metuge District.
- UNHCR works closely with the Protection Cluster 'Areas of Responsibility' for Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection to identify and address protection issues and coordinate actions on issues to be addressed with Government.
- UNHCR has also directly engaged with a number of partners to develop capacity building on key protection issues, such as Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and collaborates with other Clusters in Cabo Delgado to mainstream protection in the IDP response.
- In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR is engaging with IDPs in accommodation centres and host communities through identifying vulnerabilities and supporting capacity building with Protection Focal Points. The objective is to empower conflict-affected populations in various districts of Cabo Delgado considering that the community is the major pillar of their protection networks for prevention and response.

### Shelter and NFIs

- In close coordination with the Government and other partners, UNHCR has carried out many distributions of core relief items (CRIs) in 2020 for IDPs in Cabo Delgado and Nampula province. Those CRIs include blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, and face masks to the most vulnerable ones.
- In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR is distributing CRIs that will assist up to 15,000 of the most vulnerable individuals, including IDPs and members of host communities. The distribution of CRIs has already started as part of a multi-stakeholder response plan, targeting vulnerable IDPs and host community families, having reached more than 6,000 individuals already.

## Financial Information

UNHCR in Mozambique requires **USD 9.7M** for both refugee and IDP operations, and currently stands **53 per cent funded** at USD 5.2M. This requirement may increase with the declaration of an internal L2 emergency in Mozambique due to the situation in Cabo Delgado. UNHCR is grateful for the support from donors who have contributed to the Mozambique operation, including the United States of America (USD 2.5M), CERF, Spain and WFP.

UNHCR also thanks major donors of softly earmarked contributions to its programme that can potentially be used for this and other operations, with special thanks to the major donors of unearmarked contributions. Softly earmarked and unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility on how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk. These contributions include:

### OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Germany 62.7M | United States of America 46.8M | United Kingdom 24.8M | Denmark 14.6M | Canada 10.2M | Private donors USA 7.4M | Private donors Australia 7.4M | Private donors Japan 4.2M | Spain 3.4M | Ireland 3.3M | Sweden 3M | France 2.8M | Private donors Germany 2.4M | Private donors United Kingdom 2.2M

### UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Sweden 76.4M | Private donors Spain 45.9M | Norway 41.4M | Netherlands 36.1M | Denmark 34.6M | United Kingdom 31.7M | Germany 25.9M | Private donors Republic of Korea 23.9M | Switzerland 16.4M | Private donors Japan 15.2M | France 14M | Private donors Italy 10.8M | Italy 10.6M

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