

Cabo Delgado

Internal Displacement Response – May 2023

Violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups has plunged northern Mozambique into a humanitarian crisis with close to 1 million people living in a situation of **protracted displacement**. UNHCR reiterates its alarm concern over the multiple protection concerns and needs that affect both displaced and host communities.

To reach greater impact and ensure the humanitarian response across Cabo Delgado is complementary and sustainable, UNHCR provides comprehensive and **multi-sectorial support** by working closely with communities, local authorities, and humanitarian and development stakeholders.

Although most displaced people continue to live in sites or host communities, return movements continue with **420,000 IDPs returning to their areas of origin**. UNHCR supports people in their decision, while stressing the importance that returns are voluntary.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS JANUARY - MAY 2023

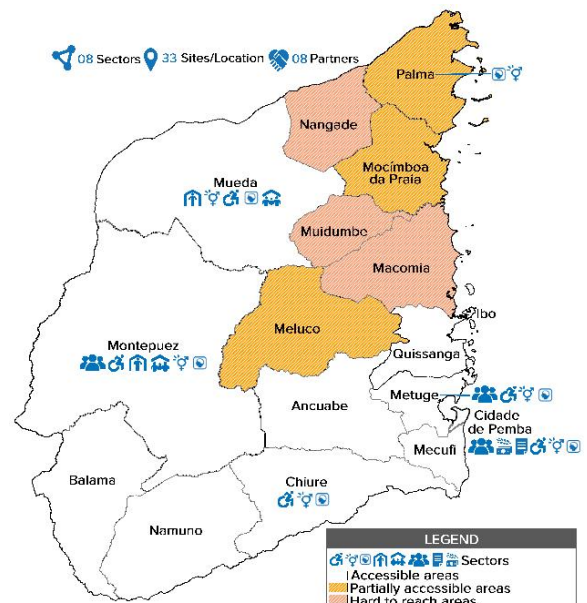
-  **3,593** people received civil documentation and legal assistance, including displaced and host communities
-  **12,889** families interviewed for protection monitoring
-  **50,099** people reached by protection awareness campaigns
-  **1,450** trained community mobilizers
-  **192** people supported with livelihood activities
-  **5,274** people accessed community spaces in sites
-  **421,678** people provided with site management & support services
-  **750** families supported with shelter interventions
-  **1,349** people supported with core relief items
-  **156** people with disabilities received specialized support, including assistive devices and rehabilitation
-  **1,901** people received mental health and psychosocial support
-  **2,271** complaints and feedbacks collected and referred to service providers
-  **452** women and girls at risk supported with case management
-  **227** partner and government staff trained on multisectorial response

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Theater as a mean of social cohesion: UNHCR and partner AVSI followed a request of community mobilisers and IDPs to acquire skills that would help them spread peace messages and foster dialogue © UNHCR

UNHCR COVERAGE MAP



Protection and solutions

Protection monitoring: UNHCR’s protection monitoring activities are critical to identify protection risks and trends and make referrals for people with heightened needs to specialized services. During May 2023, UNHCR through its partner Helpcode, conducted protection monitoring in 14 IDP sites, host communities, and return locations across four districts in Cabo Delgado (Mueda, Montepuez, Metuge, and Palma). 4,504 displaced and returned families were interviewed to better understand the protection needs, risks, and trends in Cabo Delgado, as well as to identify and refer people with specific needs to relevant services.

Civil documentation and legal assistance: To contribute to strengthening legal protection for forcibly displaced people, UNHCR through partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), and working closely with Government authorities, assisted 1,354 people in Pemba in obtaining civil documentation (birth certificates and national IDs). 17 protection awareness-raising sessions were conducted, and 17 people received additional legal counselling and/or representation from UCM’s on-site lawyers.

Engagement with government for access to justice: UNHCR met with the Institute of Legal Sponsorship and Assistance (IPAJ) to identify areas of collaboration; UNHCR will engage IPAJ to support with specific complex legal cases, especially related to detention and housing, land and property (HLP). This new collaboration allowed the formal granting of shared power of attorney of a complex detention case to an IPAJ lawyer by the UNHCR’s legal partner allowing for both to simultaneously work on the case.

Disability mainstreaming: UNHCR supported partner Humanity and Inclusion in training 18 members of humanitarian organisations on ways to better support access to humanitarian assistance for people with disabilities. Furthermore, community mobilizers identified 145 people with disabilities in Pemba and Chiure, while 55 people received assistive devices in Mueda and Montepuez and 31 people were referred to MHPSS services. UNHCR continues to co-chair the Disability Working Group alongside the Forum of Mozambican Associations working with people with disabilities (FAMOD).

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

Case management and community engagement: UNHCR partner CUAMM and local organization Muleide, provided legal assistance and counselling to 15 survivors of GBV. CUAMM and Muleide also provided training to 83 community mobilizers on access to legal services for survivors of GBV, and organized workshops in safe spaces to sensitize women, girls and boys on various GBV and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) topics such as consent, self-esteem, and community support networks. Finally, UNHCR partner CUAMM began providing literacy courses to 29 women as a means to enhance individual empowerment.

Training to local partners: As part of the protection and data collection training, UNHCR, through partner Helpcode, conducted training sessions on protection of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) for livelihood partners and government counterparts. Refreshment trainings on GBV, PSEA and referral pathways were also provided to community leaders, including women, in Mueda and Palma districts.

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

Support to start-ups: UNHCR partner AVSI funded start-up projects for 27 young people, including 18 IDPs, who graduated from a business training program. Businesses included a clothing shop, a hair salon, electrical installation shop, a snack bar, domestic appliance repairs, and mobile account services.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Support to local government administrations: UNHCR works closely with the District Service Department of Planning and Infrastructure (SDPI) to ensure the inclusion of IDPs in government plans to restructure IDP community leadership structures with the aim to align them closer with those of the host community. UNHCR and CCCM partners offered to extend support the local government in providing capacity-building to the host community leadership on areas of site management and protection.

Capacity building: UNHCR conducted training on Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) targeting local government officials and partners in Montepuez. 20 people were trained on CCCM modules including coordination, division of roles and responsibilities in humanitarian response, community participation, GBV mainstreaming in site management, site standards and humanitarian principles. The training also brought together partner agencies and local government officials to try ensure protection mainstreaming in site management, while creating a platform to share experiences, challenges and best practices.

Population Count: UNHCR conducted a head count of IDPs in Namatil IDP site, Mueda district to obtain reliable disaggregated data of those living in the site. Of the eight sites in Mueda that UNHCR supports, UNHCR has now completed headcounts in seven of them. The head count in Namatil verified the presence of 388 families /1,270 individuals in the site, with 9,212 families/ 34,348 individuals hosted across the seven sites.



Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

In Montepuez, UNHCR and the partner AVSI continued the distribution of shelter repair materials to 250 selected families to rehabilitate their damaged shelters. In addition, UNHCR and partner SDPI have upgraded 25 transitional shelters from grass thatch to corrugated galvanized iron (CGI) sheets, making the shelters more durable.

In Mueda, UNHCR and partner SI continued to support the beneficiaries with cement and water trucking to carry out matope/ mudding activities in Lianda site, with 30 transitional shelters completed in May.

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