

# Northern Mozambique Situation

December 2021


More than **735,000** people fled their homes in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique due to violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups. **UNHCR reiterates its concern for the protection and humanitarian needs** of displaced and host communities in Cabo Delgado and neighboring provinces.



In Cabo Delgado, **UNHCR and partners distributed Core Relief Items (CRIs) to 6,000** internally displaced people (IDPs) in Mueda and solar lamps to **1,300** displaced women and girls in Chiure district. In Nampula, UNHCR distributed CRIs to over **700** IDPs in Corane IDP site.


**UNHCR conducted protection monitoring exercises and distributed CRIs** to 165 recently displaced families in the district of Mecula, in Niassa, following the recent attacks affecting the province (additional information available [here](#)).


## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS JAN – DEC 2021


 **64,000** people/**12,800** families received Core Relief Items

 **50,109** people reached by GBV prevention and response awareness campaigns

  **17,031** people from displaced and host communities received legal assistance out of which **10,161** received IDs and birth certificates


 **623** partner and government staff, and community volunteers trained on GBV

 **435** youths from displaced and host communities receiving technical and vocational training

 **183** trained GBV community volunteers providing awareness and referrals to GBV services

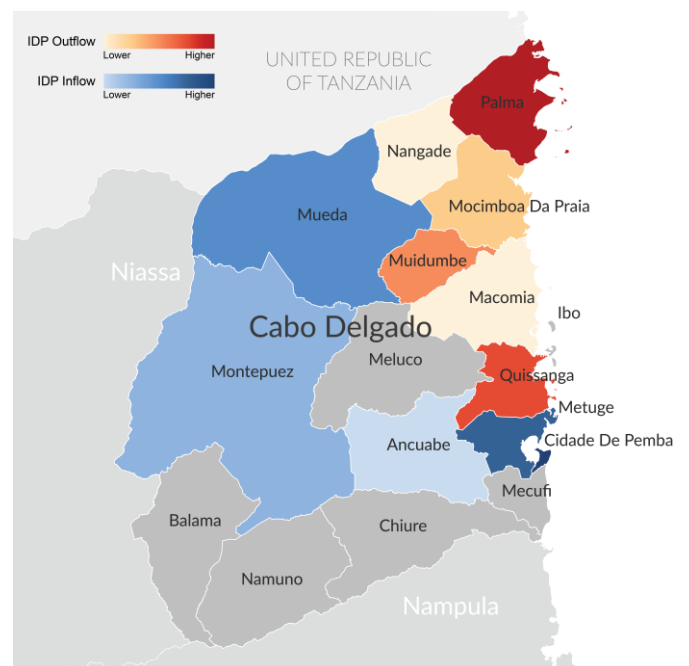
 **153** Operational Protection Focal Points (PPFs)

 **84** persons with disabilities received assistance devices

 **6** mobile safe spaces providing integrated GBV, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services



Distribution of Core Relief Items in Cabo Delgado  
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## Monthly Highlights

- **CRI Distributions, Cabo Delgado and Nampula:** In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR and partner Solidarities International distributed CRIs to 1,085 households/6,000 people in hard-to-reach Lyanda IDP site, Mueda district, including blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets, buckets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets; with partner Caritas and Doctors with Africa – CUAMM, UNHCR distributed solar lamps and conducted GBV and PSEA awareness sessions reaching over 1,300 displaced women and girls in Chiure. In Nampula, UNHCR distributed CRIs to 162 households/ 729 people in Corane IDP site.
- **Emergency support to newly displaced families, Niassa:** Following a request by local authorities due to recent attacks in Niassa province, UNHCR conducted a mission to Mecula on 7 December which included protection needs assessment, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) activities, and distribution of CRIs to 165 households.



## Protection

- **Access to civil documentation, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM) provided legal assistance and support in accessing documentation to **2,763** people in Nacaca IDP site in Montepuez (886 women, 949 men, 509 girls, and 419 boys). Since December 2020, UNHCR and UCM provided legal assistance to **17,890** people (5,970 women, 4,478 men, 3,775 girls, and 3,667 boys) from displaced and host communities in Cabo Delgado. UNHCR also conducted a training to UCM staff in Montepuez on identifying and registering protection incidents on KoBO.
- **Regional statelessness workshop, Cabo Delgado:** From 3 to 5 December, UNHCR and UCM conducted a regional workshop to share good practices on statelessness prevention and reduction aiming at establishing a regional platform for continued collaboration. The training was attended by **35** participants from the local authorities, UN agencies and NGOs from Mozambique and Southern Africa.
- **Protection Monitoring, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR and partners Association for Volunteers in International Service (AVSI), Caritas and Helpcode conducted protection monitoring exercises in Ancuabe, Balama, Chiure, Mecufi, Metuge, Montepuez and Mueda districts. A total of 44 data collectors interviewed **5,574** displaced families who reported **926** protection incidents, which UNHCR is following up. Since mid-September 2021, UNHCR and partners interviewed **11,858** households and recorded **1,593** protection incidents in Ancuabe, Balama, Chiure, Mecufi, Metuge, Montepuez, Mueda, Namuno and Pemba districts.
- **PFPs activities, Cabo Delgado:** In Ancuabe and Mecufi districts, UNHCR and partner Caritas provided a child protection refresher training to **26** PFPs (15 men and 11 women). In Mecufi and Metuge, AVSI, Caritas and UNHCR conducted community discussions with displaced and host communities to explain the role of PFPs and services available at the Multipurpose Centres. In Chiure, PFPs were introduced to community leaders in Ocuca and Meculane sites. UNHCR has **153** operational PFPs (79 women and 74 men) in Ancuabe, Chiure, Mecufi, Metuge, Montepuez and Pemba districts in Cabo Delgado.
- **Persons with disabilities (PwD), Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR partner Humanity and Inclusion (HI) continues identifying, assessing, and assisting PwD in Pemba and Metuge districts. HI assessed **210** Pwds for the provision of assistance devices - 146 (84 men and 62 women) in Metuge and 64 (42 men and 22 women) in Pemba. In December, UNHCR chaired the Roundtable on Inclusive Social Protection during the celebrations of International Day of PwD.
- **Human rights training for youth, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR and partner Caritas trained **72** youths (40 girls and 32 boys) in Acuabe, Mecufi and Pemba districts on human rights concepts; protection mechanisms; national and international human rights instruments; peaceful coexistence; citizenship and democracy; youth leadership; and civic engagement. In 2021 UNHCR trained **216** youths (115 girls and 101 boys) on human rights.



## Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- **16 Days of Activism Against GBV, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR organized multiple activities with the government, partners, NGOs, UN agencies, PFPs and members of displaced and host communities to raise awareness on GBV prevention and response, including theatre plays in the districts of Ancuabe, Metuge, Montepuez and Pemba. In Pemba, UNHCR also organized a march with the governmental Department for Gender, Children and Social Action (DPGCAS), to end violence against women and girls and raise awareness of services available to GBV survivors involving **130** people from displaced and host communities (70 women, 40 children and 20 men). In total, **750** people participated in activities around 16 Days of Activism Against GBV in Cabo Delgado (325 women, 177 girls, 160 men, and 88 boys).
- **GBV research report, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) conducted an online presentation of the GBV research report in Cabo Delgado (available [here](#)) to **80** key stakeholders including donors, policy makers, regional and global coordination mechanisms, and GBV experts. The study, funded by PRM's *Safe from the Start* program, focuses on the GBV context and response in Cabo Delgado, outlining gaps, challenges, lessons learnt, key barriers in accessing GBV services, and recommendations. The report was also presented to 15 members of the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) in Cabo Delgado, and an in-depth session to develop a work plan to improve GBV response based on the findings will be conducted for government GBV service providers.
- **GBV Mainstreaming, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR and partner CUAMM conducted the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) GBV guidelines mainstreaming training for **31** Cluster leads and field staff (20 women and 11 men). Participants highlighted the importance of integration of GBV risk reduction and response into their program areas. The sessions produced GBV mainstreaming plans for each Cluster.



## Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

- **CCCM Training for local authorities and partners, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR provided a CCCM induction training to partner AVSI, local authorities, and IOM Staff in Montepuez district, aiming at developing a shared understanding of site management roles and responsibilities in line with international protection standards to contribute towards protection mainstreaming within site management.
- **Complaint and Feedback Mechanisms (CFM), Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR is following up on **252** complaints received through CFM related mostly to availability of services and site infrastructure.
- **Rapid site assessments, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR conducted rapid site assessments in Campona and Markuni sites in Montepuez, which host around 2,300 and 10,500 IDPs respectively, as well as in Pulo site in Metuge, which hosts 222 displaced families. The preliminary findings indicate an urgent need to improve shelters due to the ongoing rainy season and access to livelihoods activities.



## Shelter

- **Shelter material distribution and shelter construction, Cabo Delgado:** In Metuge, UNHCR Partner Ayuda en Accion (AyA) distributed shelter materials to **350** households in Ntokota and Ngalane IDP sites, including **505** plastic tarpaulins, and completed the construction of **380** transitional shelters. In Montepuez, partner AVSI is constructing **117** transitional shelters in Mararange, **80** in Mirate, and **349** in Massingir IDP sites, as well as communal latrines, and two community centres in Ntele and Nicuapa IDP sites in Montepuez as part of UNHCR's support to community-led initiatives.
- **Construction of slabs for the provision of health services, Nampula:** In Corrane IDP site, UNHCR completed the construction of seven tent slabs/bases for the provision of health services and finalized the rehabilitation of the Health Centre Maternity.



## Livelihoods

- **Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR partner *Instituto de Formação Profissional e Estudos Laborais Alberto Cassimo* (IFPELAC) continues providing TVET to 225 youth from displaced and host communities in Pemba district and provided assistance in accessing financial services, including the registration of 101 project participants on the national individual taxpayer registry and enrolled 51 participants in apprenticeships to enable on-the-job learning.



## Coordination

- **Rapid Assessment in Palma, Cabo Delgado:** The Protection Cluster (PC) participated in a rapid assessment mission to Maganja Palma organised by OCHA and UNDSS. The main findings indicate: the overarching intention of the community to return to their areas of origin *once the government indicates it is possible to do so*, the lack of civil documentation increases the vulnerability of displaced and host communities; as well as tensions between displaced and host communities due to limited resources and assistance.
- **Protection, housing, land, and property (HLP) training, Cabo Delgado:** The PC, local authorities, AVSI, Linha Verde, UNHCR and WFP provided a general protection, HLP, GBV and PSEA training **25** community leaders in Balama district. In 2021, the PC provided similar trainings to **145** community leaders in five districts.
- **“Protection of Human Rights in conflict-induced displacement” workshop, Cabo Delgado:** The PC and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) organized a workshop with **21** participants from local authorities and humanitarian organizations on the “Protection of Human Rights in conflict-induced displacement”.
- **PSEA Trainings, Cabo Delgado and Nampula:** In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR, the national PSEA coordinator, the GBV AoR coordinator, and the Linha Verde coordinator designed a Reporting, Referrals, and Service provision to PSEA survivors training to **22** PSEA Network focal points (12 women and 10 men) focusing on coordinated SEA reporting mechanisms and referral for survivor assistance. In Nampula, UNHCR, the National PSEA coordinator and WFP delivered a PSEA Training of Trainers to the members of the Protection Working Group.

## Financial information

UNHCR’s financial requirements for the **refugee and IDP activities in Mozambique** in 2021 total **US\$ 25.7 million of which 70 percent has been covered as of end of December. A special thank you** to Denmark, European Union, France, Sweden, United States of America **for their contributions to UNHCR’s operations in Mozambique**, and to Belgium, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Netherlands, Private donors, Switzerland, and Spain for their **unearmarked contributions to UNHCR’s operations worldwide**.

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