

Mozambique

Mozambique hosts more than **30,000 refugees and asylum-seekers**, while **more than one million people remain displaced internally** due to ongoing violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups and the devastating impact of the climate crisis – where Mozambique is one of the most adversely affected countries in the world. On 30 November 2022, heavy rains and strong winds were felt across Nampula province, causing widespread damage in Maratane refugee settlement. At the same time, the security situation in northern Mozambique remains volatile.

This context, paired with lingering effects of COVID-19, has resulted in further disenfranchisement of already vulnerable populations. UNHCR and partners work closely with a range of stakeholders, including the Government, to provide **lifesaving protection services and assistance** for refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs, IDP returnees as well as host communities, while harnessing opportunities to invest in and build resilience among communities and facilitate sustainable solutions to displacement.

UNHCR continues to stress that all refugee and IDP return movements should take place in an informed, safe, voluntary and dignified manner. At the same time, UNHCR supports the **inclusion of all refugees and IDPs in national services and systems**, including national data systems and climate related contingency planning and response. UNHCR is scaling-up engagement with development and peace-building actors to ultimately support the inclusion of displaced populations through the expansion of their respective programming.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

946,508 internally displaced in northern Mozambique due to conflict*, as well as a further **83,000** new displacements in June attacks** and **12,000** in September attacks in Nampula

736,015 people affected in Nampula and Zambezia provinces by Tropical Cyclone Gombe*** while **129,327** people remain displaced internally in central Mozambique following tropical cyclone Idai in March 2019.

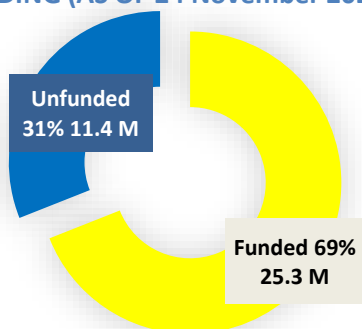
30,690 refugees and asylum-seekers****

* Displacement Tracking Mechanism, Round 16, June 2022, IOM
 ** Mozambique: Displacement influx in Cabo Delgado and Nampula, 25 July 2022, UNOCHA
 *** Tropical Cyclone Gombe Flash Update No.6, March 2022, UNOCHA
 **** According to UNHCR data

USD 36.7 M

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UNHCR PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE



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Staff: 121
69 National Staff
52 International Staff

Offices: 3
1 Country Office in Maputo – 42 staff
1 Field Office in Nampula – 35 staff
1 Field Office in Pemba – 44 staff

KEY HIGHLIGHTS | NOVEMBER 2022

Protection and Solutions

- UNHCR and partner HelpCode continued carrying out [protection monitoring interviews](#) to identify protection risks and trends and refer individuals with heightened needs to specialized services in several districts in Cabo Delgado. During the month in review, 2,716 displaced families were interviewed, reporting nearly 1,400 incidents. Since January this year, **26,361** families have been interviewed.



Refugee students meet UNHCR Representative before leaving for Italy to commence studies through UNICORE programme. Photo: UNHCR/Guilherme Chirinda

- [Civil documentation](#) is critical, enabling displaced people to access services, including healthcare and education, and enhancing their freedom of movement. This year, in Cabo Delgado, in collaboration with the Government of Mozambique, over **8,600** people from displaced and host communities were supported in obtaining documentation. While in Nampula, **7,400** people were supported in obtaining identification cards and over **2,800** supported in Zambezia province.
- University Corridors for Refugees ([UNICORE](#)) is a [complementary pathway](#) programme that is promoted by 32 Italian universities with the support of UNHCR to offer refugee students the opportunity to attend a master's degree programme at an Italian university. In November, for the first time, six refugee students from Mozambique traveled to Italy to take part in fully funded master's programmes through UNICORE.
- Several trainings were carried out facilitated by UNHCR and partners during November. These include, among others, a nine-day training on [GBV case management](#) as part of the roll-out of the global [Inter-Agency GBV Case Management Capacity Building Initiative](#) facilitated by UNHCR and UNFPA; a [training on peacebuilding and human rights](#), reaching nearly 200 youth from displaced and host communities in several districts in Cabo Delgado aimed at strengthening knowledge on human rights, promoting social cohesion and fostering community resilience; and in collaboration with the National Institute of Disaster Risk Management and Reduction (INGD), UNHCR carried out capacity strengthening sessions on protection mainstreaming to 150 members of six district councils in Nampula province.
- [16-Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#) commenced mid-November. UNHCR and partners conducted a range of activities including awareness-raising theatre plays, life skills and community engagement activities and dissemination of information on accessing GBV services, and a workshop on GBV referrals.

Education

- UNHCR has taken steps to [expand access to higher education for refugees](#) and asylum seekers in Mozambique. The [DAFI scholarship programme](#) offers qualified refugee and returnee students the possibility to earn an undergraduate degree in their country of asylum or home country.
- In response to under-resourced classrooms, the [Instant Network Schools \(INS\)](#) was developed in several countries across Africa to provide a holistic solution to transform an existing classroom into a multi-media hub for learning. In Mozambique, UNHCR has implemented the INS programme with support from the Vodafone Foundation since 2021. Over **61,000** students (48 per cent female) have benefitted from the establishment of INS centres. In November, over 3,400 students in grades 10 and 12 participated in extracurricular activities to help them prepare for end-of-year exams.
- UNHCR continues to [support the primary and secondary schools](#) in Maratane refugee settlement, benefitting at least **4,080** refugee and host community students, 19 refugee and 72 Mozambiquan teachers.

Shelter, Infrastructure and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

- On 30 November, following **heavy rains and strong winds** that caused extensive damage to Maratane Refugee settlement, UNHCR together with the National Institute for Refugee Support (INAR) undertook a rapid assessment to identify needs and provide urgent assistance. Urgent repairs to shelters commenced the following day.
- UNHCR and partner carried out on-the-job training for construction workers who are working on building resilient shelters in Corrane IDP site. To date, **77 resilient shelters** of the planned 90 have been partially constructed, providing a secure home for some **540** individuals.
- **Construction of shelters** in Montepuez and Mueda districts in Cabo Delgado remain ongoing. As of November, **99** shelters had been completed in Chimoio IDP site and **58** in Ntele IDP site, Montepuez, while an additional **310** shelters have been completed in Mueda district.
- In Mueda, UNHCR and partner completed the **construction of a market facility** in Lyanda IDP site, while four community centres are currently under construction in other IDP sites in Mueda.



During shelter assessment in Maratane refugee settlement following 30th November storm. Photo: UNHCR

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

- In Montepuez, 134 people from displaced and host communities received a second instalment of cash transfers to support **small business/self-employment initiatives**. In cooperation with the Alberto Cassimo Institute for Vocational Training and Labour Studies (IFPELAC), UNHCR supported the enrolment of 99 participants in a new cohort of **technical and vocational training**. Courses include masonry, electrical installation, refrigeration and plumbing. The programme includes students with specific vulnerabilities benefitting from UNHCR's protection programmes, including survivors of GBV.
- In Nampula, UNHCR in partnership with the National Institute of Employment (INEP) and IFPELAC, facilitated the inclusion of refugees and IDPs in a government-led **vocational training programme**. Following completion of the training programme, graduates will have the opportunity to partake in a three-month internship or receive small-business start-up kits. By November 2022, **77** beneficiaries were placed in different companies for internship opportunities in various sectors, including secretariat, plumbing, carpentry, IT, hotel management, and masonry. beneficiaries from the first cohort who received small-business start-up kits have reported to have increase in income.
- As part of the implementation of the project *Enhancing Private Sector Engagement and Access to Markets in fragile contexts hosting forcibly displaced persons* financed by the African Development Bank (AfDB), **two** social cohesion campaigns were carried out reaching **965** community members of the Maratane refugee settlement and surrounding host communities focusing on promoting social cohesion and strengthening of human relations.

Climate Action

- The climate crisis is amplifying vulnerability, driving displacement and making life harder for those forced to flee. While these populations are disproportionately exposed and vulnerable to climate-related shocks, they often have the fewest resources and support to adapt in the face of an increasingly hostile environment. UNHCR makes concerted efforts to ensure that no one is left behind following the devastating effects of the climate crisis. For more on UNHCR's climate response, please see the [Climate Action Factsheet](#).
- On 4 November 2022, UNHCR and the National Disasters Management Institute (INGD) co-hosted a **regional roundtable** in Nampula, Mozambique. This was an opportunity to **share experiences and lessons learned with other countries in the region facing similar challenges as Mozambique** and identify opportunities to broaden and deepen cooperation between humanitarian and development actors, as well as host countries, towards facilitating a more resilient climate emergency preparedness and response.

Partnerships and Coordination

- UNHCR chairs the Protection Cluster and the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) working group, and co-chairs the PSEA working group. More information on people reached and activities of protection cluster partners can be found [here](#).
- UNHCR works with 22 partners, including government partners and international and national NGOs. In addition, two UN to UN Transfer Agreements with OHCHR and WFP were concluded in 2022 to support the protection cluster and operate a complaints and response mechanism, respectively.
- UNHCR Mozambique has [scaled-up its partnerships with development actors](#) to mobilize their support in displacement settings, achieving the inclusion of refugees and IDPs into development actors' programmes in areas of climate financing, energy provision, access to services, among others as well as throughout the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and informed the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework ([UNSDCF](#)). UNHCR is an active member of all four Strategic Priority groups of the UNSDCF and the Programme Management Team (PMT) that serves as a think-tank and advisor to the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) for the implementation of the UNSDCF.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION | UNHCR Mozambique 2023

In 2023, UNHCR Mozambique will (i) continue to [address the protection and assistance needs and support sustainable solutions for internally displaced people](#) in the northern provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa, as well as the communities that host them; (ii) continue to [address the protection and assistance needs and support sustainable solutions for refugees and asylum seekers](#), as well as the communities that host them; (iii) continue to support [preparedness and response efforts to natural hazards](#), including cyclones, flooding and drought. Through this engagement, UNHCR adopts an [age, gender and diversity](#) approach while maintaining a focus on [accountability to affected populations](#) (AAP). UNHCR will focus on reinforcing its operational presence and coordination leadership in protection, while supporting areas of shelter/NFI and camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) through operational response, technical expertise and active participation in coordination fora; continue and strengthen protection advocacy; strengthen development partnerships to amplify and reinforce protection mainstreaming and address the needs of UNHCR's people sustainably; and, remain proactive in climate related preparedness activities such as pre-positioning CRIs, capacity building of the Government and partners, and sensitization of communities on the importance of preparedness. [Find UNHCR's Global Appeal for 2023 here](#).

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