Violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups has plunged northern Mozambique into a humanitarian and protection crisis with 834,304 people living in a situation of protracted displacement. UNHCR reiterates concern over the multiple protection risks and needs that affect displaced and host communities. To reach greater impact and ensure the protection and solutions response across northern Mozambique is complementary and sustainable, UNHCR provides holistic 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, 420,200 people have returned to their area of origin. UNHCR’s protection and solutions response extends to returnees, while stressing the importance that returns should be informed, voluntary and safe.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | JANUARY - JUNE 2023

- 4,518 people received civil documentation and legal assistance, including displaced and host communities
- 15,852 families interviewed for protection monitoring
- 51,745 people reached by protection awareness campaigns
- 2,036 trained community mobilizers
- 312 people supported with livelihood activities
- 6,465 people accessed community spaces in sites
- 486,936 people provided with site management and support services
- 995 families supported with shelter interventions
- 2,643 people supported with core relief items
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- 2,507 people received mental health and psychosocial support
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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

On 20 June 2023, World Refugee Day was celebrated globally around the theme "Hope away from home". Alongside local government partners, UNHCR organized cultural and sports activities with and for refugees, including internally displaced people and members of the host community as well. Above photo, activities in Pemba, Cabo Delgado ©L.BOMMERS/UNHCR

UNHCR COVERAGE MAP

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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. In June, UNHCR, through its partner Helpcode, conducted protection monitoring in 21 displacement sites, host communities, and return locations across five districts of Cabo Delgado (Mueda, Montepuez, Metuge, Palma and Mecufi), interviewing 2,963 displaced and returned families.

**Civil documentation and legal assistance:** In June, UNHCR, through its partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), working closely with Government authorities, assisted 1,095 people in various locations in Pemba in obtaining civil documentation, specifically birth certificates and national IDs. In addition, 27 protection awareness-raising sessions were held in the neighbourhood of Alto Gingone, and individual legal counselling was provided to 28 people.

**Support to people with disabilities:** In June, UNHCR, through partner Humanity and Inclusion (HI) delivered 101 assistive devices (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.) to people with disabilities in the Pemba, Chiure and Montepuez districts, enhancing their quality of life. In addition, UNHCR and HI strengthens social inclusion through economic empowerment activities targeting people with specific needs: In displacement sites in Mueda, people with disabilities are increasingly benefiting from permagarden training, the number having doubled from 29 to 68 individuals during the reporting period.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

**Access to justice:** UNHCR partner Doctors with Africa com CUAMM, in coordination with the local women’s organisation Muleide, trained community mobilizers on access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in the Montepuez and Chure districts. Community awareness-raising sessions were also carried out in Montepuez on legal services available for survivors. Participants reported having a better understanding of their rights following the sessions.

**GBV training and awareness-raising activities:** Following the results of the safety audit conducted in May 2023, Helpcode began GBV and PSEA awareness-raising and prevention activities in the Chilindi displacement site in the Mueda district. UNHCR also conducted a training session in Pemba for humanitarian actors to strengthen their GBV response by using the safety audit tools. Given the ongoing sesame harvest season, UNHCR, through partner Doctors with Africa (CUAMM), sensitized 43 women and girls in Pemba on the GBV and PSEA risks when going out to the fields to collect crops and seeds. Finally, upon a request from a women’s group to gain autonomy through improved literacy, CUAMM expanded its literacy programme across different neighbourhoods in Pemba.

**Safety audit in Mocímboa da Praia:** UNHCR, together with partner Helpcode, undertook a safety audit mission in return areas of Mocímboa da Praia, specifically in Praia Milamba and Naduadua neighbourhoods. Through six focus group discussions, interviews were conducted with over 150 returnees, mostly women. The safety audit shed light on protection risks, mostly linked to GBV in the contexts of displacement and return. Respondents emphasized gaps linked to access to healthcare, energy, water and sanitation services, as well as the lack of response services and support to victims of sexual violence. The audit also underlined a high level of trauma amongst returnees and the lack of psychosocial support.
Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

GBV prevention and mitigation by economic empowerment: In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR, with partner Helpcode, and the local organisation Muleide, delivered 40 business kits to women who completed an economic training in the displacement rea in Mueda. In addition, UNHCR and Helpcode worked with the local women’s group association Grupo de Mulheres de Partilha de Ideias (GMPIS) to commence the second course on financial literacy, business, savings and alphabetization to 40 women in two neighbourhoods in Palma.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Population movements: UNHCR, through its CCCM partners, provided camp management support in 11 displacement sites (eight in Mueda and three in Montepuez) where 65,258 IDPs reside. In IDP sites located in Mueda district (Eduardo Mondlane, Nandimba and Lianda), partners SI and SDPI facilitated the decongestion of the reception and transit facilities providing plots and shelters to families hosted in these reception facilities.

Community mobilization: In Montepuez, UNHCR’s CCCM partners conducted door-to-door campaigns on safety awareness, focusing on fire prevention measures. 15 CCCM community mobilizers were trained on key thematic topics of community mobilization. Furthermore, cleaning and maintenance campaigns were conducted in protection hubs and community centres. To improve CCCM campaigns on community awareness and protection risks mitigation, eight CCCM community mobilizers were trained on PSEA in Mueda.

Site development: UNHCR continues to work towards the improvement of overall infrastructure and service delivery at IDP site level. UNHCR and partner SDPI supported the construction of a market space for the displaced and the host community in Ntele village.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

Shelter: Along partners SI, SDPI and AVSI respectively, UNHCR constructed 140 transitional shelters in the Lianda displacement site (Mueda), upgraded 30 transitional shelters in the Nicuapa IDP site (Montepuez), and repaired 75 shelters in Massingiri site (Montepuez).

Core Relief Items (CRIs): In June, UNHCR and partner Solidarités International (SI) successfully began the distribution of 1,294 CRI kits in two displacement sites in Mueda district. These kits consist of essential items such as blankets, mats, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, plastic sheeting, jerry cans, solar lamps, and buckets.

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