

Cabo Delgado

Internal Displacement Response – October 2023

Violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups has plunged northern Mozambique into a humanitarian and protection crisis, with **668,939*** people living in a situation of **protracted displacement**. UNHCR reiterates concern over the multiple protection risks and needs that affect displaced and host communities.

For a more significant impact and to 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, **565,813*** people **have returned to their areas of origin**. UNHCR's response extends to returnees while stressing the importance that returns should happen in an informed, voluntary, and safe manner.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | JANUARY - OCTOBER 2023

-  **7,255** people from displaced and host communities received civil documentation and legal assistance.
-  **24,184** families interviewed for protection monitoring.
-  **99,099** people reached by protection awareness campaigns.
-  **4,080** community mobilizers trained on awareness raising techniques.
-  **600** people supported with livelihood activities.
-  **7,543** people accessed community spaces in sites.
-  **59,678** people provided with site management and support services.
-  **1,561** families supported with shelter interventions.
-  **7,842** people supported with core relief items.
-  **2,353** people with disabilities received specialized support, including assistive devices and rehabilitation.
-  **6,447** people received mental health and psychosocial support.
-  **3,518** complaints and feedbacks collected and referred to service providers.
-  **1,871** women and girls at risk supported with case management.
-  **511** partner and government staff trained on multi-sectorial response.

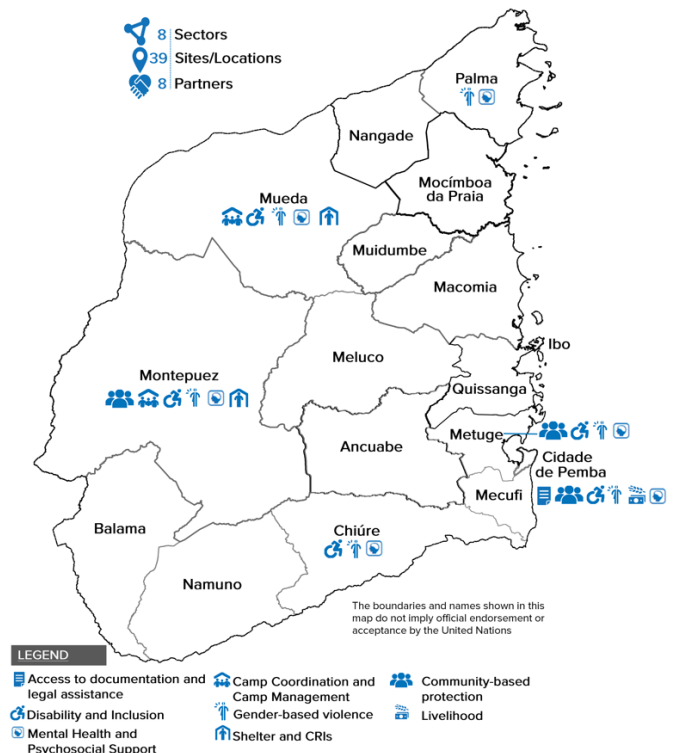
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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



UNHCR and partner Helpcode distribute core relief items to 500 IDP families who fled from recent attacks in Mocimboa da Praia district. ©L.BOMMERS/UNHCR

UNHCR COVERAGE MAP



 **Protection and Solutions**

Civil documentation & legal assistance: In October, UNHCR, through its partner, the Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), and in collaboration with Government authorities, supported a total of 708 people from displaced and host communities in Pemba to reacquire their lost or destroyed civil documentation (birth certificates and national IDs). 27 legal awareness-raising sessions were provided to the beneficiaries as they waited to receive their documents. 77 people received additional legal counseling and/or representation from UCM's on-site lawyers. So far in 2023, UNHCR and UCM assisted a total of 7,255 people to acquire their civil documentation.

Protection monitoring: UNHCR partner Helpcode conducted protection monitoring activities in host communities and return locations across Pemba and Mocimboa da Praia districts interviewing 1,106 displaced and returned families to identify protection needs, risks, and trends and to refer individuals with heightened protection needs to specialized services. In the scope of qualitative data collection aiming at gaining a more comprehensive protection analysis, UNHCR and Helpcode conducted 32 focus group discussions with 453 IDP, returnee, and host community members and ten key informant interviews with IDP, returnee, and host community leaders and other important community figures.

Community engagement and capacity building: UNHCR in partnership with the Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI) engaged and involved 233 protection focal points and community mobilizers of which 12 were trained last month in four different community centres in the Montepuez district (Ntele, Nicuapa, Massingiri, and Ujama), as well as in Pemba and Metuge districts. UNHCR conducted a protection training to 15 people (12 from AVSI and three to UNHCR). The course covered various topics going from the community-based protection approach, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) to the Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms (CFM).

Targeted protection assistance: UNHCR through its partners AVSI and Humanity and Inclusion (HI), provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to 470 IDPs with specific needs, including elderly people at risk and people with disabilities. Through partner HI, UNHCR also provided specialized support, including assistive devices and rehabilitation and delivery of assistive devices to 1,082 people.

 **Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**

Capacity building: UNHCR provided a training to 41 staff from partner UCM in Pemba on gender-based violence (GBV) basics, the survivor-centred approach, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and referral pathways.

Support for World Mental Health Day: UNHCR and partner Doctors with Africa CUAMM carried out several activities within the scope of World Mental Health Day (10 October), including community group-based initiatives (dance, singing, discussions, etc.), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) capacity-building for community activists, and MHPSS awareness-raising sessions, reaching of 60 people in Pemba.

 **Livelihood and Economic Inclusion**

Business management and entrepreneurship trainings: Under the partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), UNHCR provided entrepreneurship trainings to IDP youth and transferred the second tranche of the cash-based intervention (CBI) allocations to 48 young people in Pemba. UNHCR partner AVSI also carried out monitoring visits of the income generating activities of 96 young entrepreneurs who followed the three first cycles of technical and vocational education and training programs (TVET) with the public training institute IFPELAC in Pemba.

Protection, business management, and financial literacy trainings in the fishing sector: Under the partnership with the African Development Bank (AfDB), UNHCR partner AVSI provided trainings to 80 fishermen and fish traders in the districts of Metuge and Mecufi. AVSI also contacted financial institutions and financial consultants to provide financial literacy in Metuge, Mecufi and Pemba.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Capacity-building: UNHCR provided a camp management training in Mueda to 20 officials from the District Service Department of Planning and Infrastructure (SDPI) and Solidarités International (SI). The training focused on enhancing community participation, humanitarian principles, service mapping, site-planning and improvement standards, information management, and effective coordination. During the same reporting period, UNHCR trained 76 community representatives in the Montepuez district, focusing on enhancing community engagement and participation. The UNHCR CCCM capacity-building programme targeting local government officials and community representatives aims to enhance localization and self-management of IDP sites.

Care and maintenance interventions: In Montepuez, UNHCR repaired the community centre and protection hub in the Ntele site. In addition to the ongoing construction of latrines for the Montepuez hospital waiting area, these repairs also included fencing and wall rehabilitation.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

Shelter intervention: In Lianda site (Mueda district), UNHCR partner SI and the beneficiaries completed 133 shelters with mud application (“matope”) bringing the total of finalized shelters to 163 out of the planned 300 for 2023. In Massingiri site (Montepuez district), UNHCR partner AVSI distributed shelter repair materials to two further vulnerable families, bringing the total to 250 rehabilitated transitional shelters for this year. In Nicuapa site (Montepuez district) UNHCR and the government partner SDPI upgraded nine transitional shelters with CGI sheets, bringing the total to 97 out of 100 targeted shelters. Still in Nicuapa, UNHCR and partner AVSI also completed 49 transitional shelter upgrades resulting in a total of 90 completed shelters in 2023 so far. The beneficiaries are in the process of rendering the upgraded shelters with *matope*.

Core Relief Items (CRIs): In the Montepuez district, UNHCR partner AVSI distributed 495 CRI kits to 388 families (1,623 individuals) in Massingiri IDP site. In Mueda district, UNHCR partner SI distributed 14 CRI kits to 14 families (56 individuals) in the IDP sites Eduardo Mondlane (nine most vulnerable families), Mpeme (four new arrival families) and Lianda (one new arrival family). Following the attack against the community of Naquitengue (Mocímboa da Praia district) in September, UNHCR and partner Helpcode distributed 500 CRI kits to 500 displaced families (approx. 2,500 individuals) who fled to Mocímboa da Praia town.

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