

# Mozambique

Mozambique hosts more than **29,000 refugees and asylum-seekers**, while more than one million people remain displaced internally due to violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups and the devastating impact of climate change – where Mozambique is one of the most adversely affected countries in the world. The security situation in Cabo Delgado remains volatile. Violence spilled into the neighbouring province of Nampula during the first week of September, affecting at least 47,000 people and displacing 12,000 mainly in the Erati and Memba districts.

This context, paired with the lingering effects of COVID-19, has resulted in further disenfranchisement of already vulnerable populations. UNHCR and partners work closely with a wide 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 stresses 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**, while also 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 **83,000** new displacements in June attacks\*\* and **12,000** in September attacks in Nampula

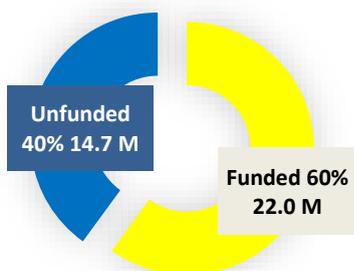
**736,015** people affected in Nampula and Zambezia provinces by Tropical Cyclone Gombe,\*\* while **129,327** people have been displaced internally in central Mozambique due to the impact of extreme weather events.

**29,660** 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

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## UNHCR PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE



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**Staff: 122**  
 68 National staff  
 54 International staff

**Offices: 3**  
 1 Country Office in Maputo – 38 staff  
 1 Field Office in Nampula – 40 staff  
 1 Sub-office in Pemba – 44 staff

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | SEPTEMBER 2022

### Protection

- Following attacks by non-stated armed groups (NSAGs) in September, which led to the displacement of thousands of people in Erati and Memba districts, UNHCR carried out a [joint exploratory mission](#) to understand the extent of the impact. Main needs identified included food, shelter, core relief items, health and civil documentation.
- In September, UNHCR and partners carried out the first [protection assessment mission](#) to Palma, where deadly attacks displaced most of the population of 70,000 people in March last year – most of whom have since returned. Some key findings included lack of basic safety including related to gender-based violence, loss of civil documentation, and the need for mental health and psycho-social support.
- UNHCR and partner HelpCode carried 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, including Chiure, Metuge, Mueda, Montepuez, Pemba, Palma and Quissanga. During September, 4,895 families were interviewed, including displaced people and those who have recently returned to their homes. Since January 2022, nearly 20,000 families have been interviewed.
- UNHCR and partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), in cooperation with the Government of Mozambique, provided support to 566 people, both displaced and members of the host community, to [access documentation](#) in Pemba.
- In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR, together with partners Muleide and Doctors with Africa CUAMM, carried out a [training for GBV caseworkers](#) and legal service providers on GBV legal rights. The training aimed to increase referrals to GBV services and will next train community volunteers to improve community-led service access. UNHCR worked with these same partners to develop GBV legal messages with the community to increase awareness of GBV legal rights in Mozambique.
- Together with partner Humanity and Inclusion (HI), and with the support of community protection focal points, 158 people living with disabilities were identified in Chiure, Mueda and Pemba districts to [receive assistive devices](#) and community-based rehabilitation services in collaboration with the Government.
- UNHCR and partner HelpCode delivered [training sessions on the prevention and response](#) to gender-based violence and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), reaching 22 staff from local authorities and service providers in Maratane Refugee Settlement and similar training reaching 25 teachers from Maratane secondary school.
- More information on the IDP response in northern Mozambique can be found [here](#).



UNHCR and HelpCode conducting focus group discussions with displaced families who recently returned to Palma. Photo: UNHCR/ Martim Gray Pereira

### Education

- 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. The reach of this programme goes beyond the students, with teachers, families and community members also benefitting.
- 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 Mozambique, there are currently 32 students benefitting from the DFAI programme, while an additional 16 scholarships were allocated for Mozambique in September. The DFAI programme is approaching its 30<sup>th</sup> year in October. For the first time this year, Mozambique was included in the [UNICORE](#) programme, which grants students scholarships to study their master's degree in Italy. Six students were granted this scholarship from Mozambique.

- UNHCR continues to support the primary and secondary schools in Maratane refugee settlement, benefitting over 4,000 students, 19 refugee teachers and 72 national teachers. In Maratane, UNHCR is supporting community mobilization for the national COVID-19 vaccine campaign among adolescents. More than 400 adolescents have received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

### Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

- Progress on [construction of shelters](#) continues in Montepuez and Mueda districts, Cabo Delgado Province. In Montepuez, two shelters have been completed while 106 shelters are in various stages of construction. In Mueda, 107 shelters have been completed, while 236 are in various stages of construction. Since January this year, UNHCR has reached 545 people with transitional shelter support in Montepuez and Mueda districts, while [24,258 people have benefitted from CRIs](#), including mosquito nets, blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, plastic sheets and buckets.
- In Corrane IDP site, 292 families (approximately 1,460 individuals) were assisted with [core relief items](#), including the abovementioned items. In September, [plastic sheeting](#) was distributed to 395 households (2,045 individuals) in Maratane settlement, bringing the total number supported with this to 5,661 individuals.
- The construction of 100 [resilient shelters](#) in Corrane IDP camp has been completed, ensuring families have protection from the elements, while the technical evaluation has been carried out for the construction of 580 [durable shelters](#) in Maratane refugee settlement.
- UNHCR with partner Diakonia/CCM engaged communities through [focus group discussions](#) (FGDs) in Namacurra district, Zambezia province to identify families to benefit from shelter kits. The FGDs also served to understand from the community what the composition of the kits should be.



*CRI distribution in Corrane IDP Site. Photo: UNHCR/Nelia Vilanculo*

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### Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

- In Pemba, Cabo Delgado, 80 people finalized [technical and vocational training](#) conducted through the Instituto de Formacao Profissional e Estudos Laborais Alberto Cassimo (IFPELAC) on painting for civil construction, electrical installation, plumbing, masonry and refrigeration. The selection process for another cohort of 120 students, including IDPs and members of the host community, for the next training cycle is ongoing. Since January, UNHCR together with IFPELAC, has completed training for 180 people in 2022.
- Working closely with the National Institute of Employment (INEP), UNHCR facilitated the inclusion of refugees and IDPs in a government-led [vocational training programme](#). Following completion of the training programme, graduates have the opportunity to partake in a three-month internship or receive small-business start-up kits. This month, 76 start-up kits were distributed to 153 refugees, asylum-seekers and host community members to start their own business either in small groups or individually. Examples of business start-up include wood or metal work, hairdressing or opening a small shop. At the same time, 29 refugees, asylum-seekers and host community members began internship programmes with the private sector or civil society in Nampula. This opportunity has expanded to IDPs with 215 IDPs and host community members identified to commence the vocational training in Corrane IDP site, Nacala and Nampula city.
- In response to people affected by extreme weather events, UNHCR provided refugees residing in Maratane Settlement and host community members 435 [agricultural kits](#). In addition, 22 farmer association received support including tools, equipment, seeds and fertilizers.

### Partnerships and Coordination

- UNHCR works with [23 partners](#), including eight governmental partners, seven international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and eight national NGOs. UNHCR continues to support capacity development efforts for its partners in 2022 and beyond, in line with commitments outlined in the [Grand Bargain](#) agreement.
- UNHCR chairs the Protection Cluster and the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) working group, and co-chairs the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) working group. More information on

people reached and activities of protection cluster partners can be found [here](#).

- UNHCR, jointly with the German Cooperation, supports the Government Agency for Integrated Development in the North, ADIN, in its coordination role of the [Plan for Resilience and Integrated Development in the North \(PREDIN\)](#) spanning across humanitarian, development and peace (HDP) responses in Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa provinces. The needs of refugees, internally displaced people and host communities are reflected 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. UNHCR closely supports the [UN-wide Response in the North](#), including through active engagement in the PMT to support efforts to strengthen HDP interventions.
- UNHCR Mozambique is a standing member of the Development Cooperation Platform (DCP), where multilateral development banks, bilateral development actors and UN Development Actors meet. UNHCR continues to [scale-up its partnerships with development actors](#) to mobilize their support to displacement settings. UNHCR supports development actors to address the needs of refugees and IDPs in the areas of climate financing, energy provision, access to protection services, social cohesion, access to markets, livelihoods and farming. UNHCR Mozambique is advancing its joint programming with development actors and has two active multi-year programmes with the African Development Bank and the German Cooperation addressing the needs of refugees, IDPs and host communities in Nampula and Cabo Delgado Provinces.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION | UNHCR Mozambique 2023

**For its strategic direction 2023, UNHCR Mozambique will focus on three key areas of engagement:** (i) [addressing the protection and assistance needs and supporting 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) [addressing the protection and assistance needs and supporting sustainable solutions for refugees and asylum seekers](#), as well as the communities that host them; and cross-cutting UNHCR's entire response, (iii) [supporting 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 development of the Government and partners, and sensitization of communities on the importance of preparedness.

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