

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 the climate crisis – where Mozambique is one of the most adversely affected countries in the world. The security situation in Cabo Delgado remains volatile, with this month marking **five years since extreme violence erupted in Cabo Delgado** – with displacement now spilling over into the neighbouring Nampula province with 12,000 people displaced in September in Erati and Memba districts.

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 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**, including national data systems and climate related contingency planning and response. In addition, 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 (TC) Gombe,*** 129,327 people remain displaced in Sofala Province following TC Idai in 2019.

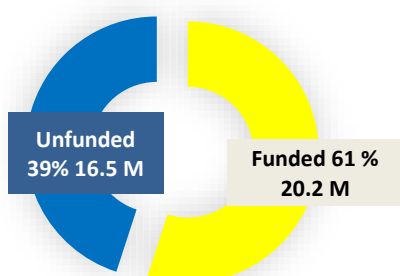
29,975 refugees and asylum-seekers****

* 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

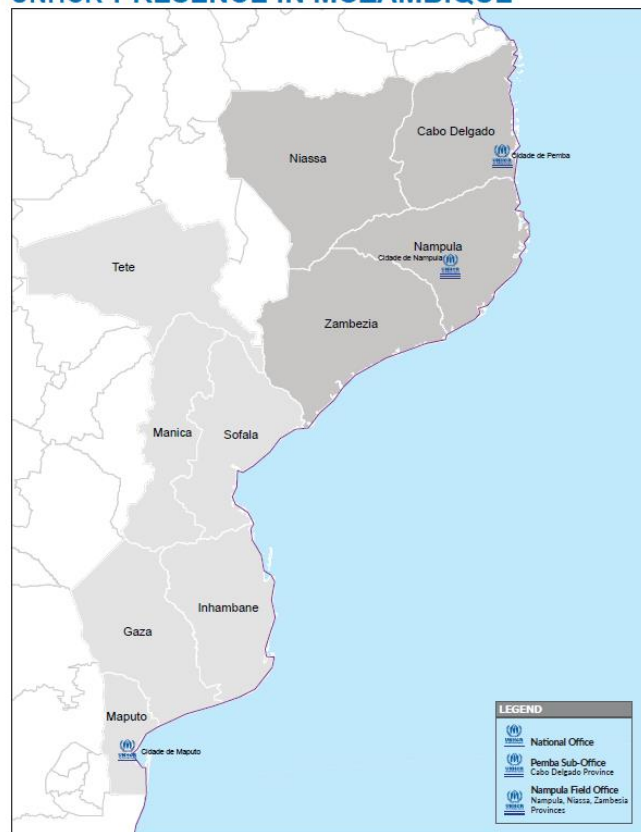
USD 36.7 M

Requested for the Mozambique operation in 2022

FUNDING (AS OF 25 OCT. 2022)



UNHCR PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE



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Staff: 125
 70 National Staff
 55 International Staff
Offices: 3
 1 Country Office in Maputo – 41 staff
 1 Field Office in Nampula – 37 staff
 1 Field Office in Pemba – 47 staff

KEY HIGHLIGHTS | OCTOBER 2022

Protection

- October marked five years since extreme violence erupted in Mozambique's northern province of Cabo Delgado. In acknowledgement of this, UNHCR issued a [briefing note](#), which was part of the press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 4 October 2022.
- UNHCR supports refugees in the [realization of durable solutions](#). During October, UNHCR supported the [voluntary repatriation](#) of 13 refugees from Burundi, Rwanda and Somalia to return to their home countries. In addition, two refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and from Rwanda departed for [resettlement](#) to Finland.
- To [enhance effective two-way communication with communities](#), UNHCR established a helpline where refugees can call to receive information on services and programmes provided by UNHCR and partners. Sensitization campaigns on communication tools were held during October.
- UNHCR, along with the Department of Health and Social Affairs and partner Action Aid, continued to enhance the protection of conflict and climate affected people through the operation of [13 mobile protection brigades](#) in Nampula, Niassa and Zambezia provinces. To date, over 38,000 people have benefitted from protection services and support including GBV prevention and response, child protection and mental health and psycho-social support.
- In October, UNHCR and partner HelpCode presented findings from the [GBV safety audit](#) in Palma district to GBV actors in the area and are establishing comprehensive services and community engagement activities in Palma District to respond to the multitude of GBV concerns identified.
- Civil documentation is critical, enabling displaced people to access services, including healthcare and education, and enhancing their freedom of movement. This year, over [6,800](#) IDPs in Nampula and Zambezia provinces were [supported in obtaining civil documentation](#). While in Cabo Delgado, in collaboration with the Government of Mozambique partner Catholic University of Mozambique, over [8,200](#) people from displaced and host communities were supported in obtaining documentation.
- 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. During October, partner HelpCode interviewed 4,211 displaced families who reported over 2,000 incidents. Since January this year, 23,700 families were interviewed.
- In October, UNHCR and the National Institute for Disaster Risk Management and Reduction (INGD) carried out a [training on protection mainstreaming](#), prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and disaster risk reduction and management for 95 members of INGD's local disaster risk reduction committee in Nampula.
- More information on the IDP response in northern Mozambique can be found [here](#).



UNHCR and partner conducting mental health and psycho-social support activities with displaced communities in Metuge, Cabo Delgado. Photo: UNHCR/Martim Pereira

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. On 25 October, UNHCR [celebrated](#) the 30th anniversary of the DAFI programme in Nampula through an event with speeches from current and alumni students, live music played by refugees from Maratane Refugee Settlement and a photo exhibition.



30th anniversary of the DAFI programme, Nampula. Photo: UNHCR/S.Ferry

- 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 October, focus group discussions were carried out giving students and teachers the opportunity to discuss the national education strategy. On 10 October, 25 students attended a mini-course on entrepreneurship.
- 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 teachers and 72 Mozambican teachers.

Shelter, Core Relief Items (CRIs)

- To respond to urgent basic humanitarian needs of displaced populations, UNHCR distributed [core relief items](#) to 659 displaced families (3,090 individuals) currently hosted in Erati district, Nampula province. Items included blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, solar lamps, jerrycans, buckets, kitchen sets and plastic tarpaulins.
- In Maratane Refugee Settlement, bi-monthly [soap distribution](#) took place this month reaching 235 refugee and asylum-seeker families (1,175 individuals).
- [Construction of shelters](#) in Montepuez and Mueda districts in Cabo Delgado remain ongoing. In Chimoio IDP site, 76 shelters have been completed while in Lianda IDP site, 236 have been completed.



Distribution of core relief items (CRIs) in Erati district, Nampula province. Photo: UNHCR/Nelia Vilanculo

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

- UNHCR, partner HelpCode, and a local partner women's led organization Grupo de Mulheres de Partilha de Ideias (GMPIS) initiated joint [GBV livelihoods activities](#) reaching 40 women in two IDP sites in Mueda district. The survivor-centred activities included sessions on financial and business management and support establishing businesses. Economic empowerment activities for displaced women are critical as socio-economical vulnerability is a key risk factor for GBV.
- 201 people (45 per cent female) from displaced and host communities completed an entrepreneurship and business skills training session facilitated by UNHCR's partner AVSI in Montepuez. Successful business proposals, of which 144 have been submitted, will receive a cash instalment to initiate their business.
- Working closely with the National Institute of Employment (INEP) and the Institute of Professional Training and Studies Alberto Cassimo, refugees and IDPs were included in a government-led [vocational training programme](#). Following completion of the programme, graduates have the opportunity to partake in an internship or receive small-business start-up kits. This month, 44 people were placed in an internship opportunity with the private sector and civil society in Nampula.
- Through funding from the African Development Bank to [enhance private sector engagement and access to markets for displaced people](#), four farmers associations, comprising of 86 members, are receiving training for six months on sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural practices and 15 local artisans were trained on the use of tailoring equipment, embroidery, and recycling of waste material to produce useful household items.

Partnerships and Coordination

- The Government of Mozambique issued its [comprehensive Plan for Resilience and Integrated Development in the North \(PREDIN\)](#) spanning across humanitarian, development and peace responses in the three northern Provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa. UNHCR closely supports the ONE UN efforts to support the Government, reviews programmatic links and will support the Government agency in charge

of coordination of the implementation, ADIN, through a joint project with the German Development Cooperation, GIZ.

- 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 eight governmental partners, seven international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and seven 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. 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 is [scaling up its partnerships with development actors](#) to mobilize their support to displacement settings. UNHCR Mozambique became a standing member of the DCP, where Multilateral Development Banks, Bilateral Development Actors and UN Development Actors meet. UNHCR Mozambique has also worked with development actors, achieving the inclusion of refugees and IDPs into their programmes in the areas of climate financing, energy provision, access to protection services, social cohesion, access to markets and livelihoods and farming. UNHCR has further achieved the inclusion of refugees and displaced people 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) [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) [address the protection and assistance needs and support sustainable solutions for refugees and asylum seekers](#), as well as the communities that host them; and cross-cutting UNHCR's entire response, (iii) 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 refugees and displaced 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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