

Northern Mozambique Flash Update #1/ 2022

Tropical Storm Ana



UNHCR and Protection focal points monitoring impact of tropical storm Ana and disseminating protection messages to displaced and host communities in Pemba, Cabo Delgado. ©UNHCR/Martim Gray Pereira

Overview



Tropical storm Ana made landfall in northern and central Mozambique on 24 January with strong wind gusts, rains and thunderstorm, **causing significant infrastructure damages mainly in the northern and central provinces of the country.** The provinces of Nampula, Tete, and Zambezia suffered the most, while Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Sofala were less affected. In Nampula, local authorities declared over 24,000 people/5,500 families were affected, a number which is expected to rise, and three deaths have been registered out of 15 on a national level.



Out of **735,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Mozambique** forced to flee their homes due to violence and Non-State Armed Groups, 663,000 are in Cabo Delgado and 69,000 in Nampula. **Nampula hosts the only refugee settlement in Mozambique, Maratane, with around 9,300 refugees from multiple nationalities.** Maratane was severely affected.



Measures must be urgently adopted to ensure families forced to flee violence and those hosting them **receive assistance** and have **adequate shelters to endure the ongoing rainy season and the impact of climate change.** Mozambique has been **one of the most affected countries by climate change worldwide**, resulting in the displacement of thousands and death of hundreds over the past years due to tropical storms and cyclones.

Emergency response



In Cabo Delgado and Nampula, **UNHCR is working closely** with the local authorities, different clusters, partners, displaced and host communities, and community leaders **to assess the damages and provide emergency response** to those affected by the storm. UNHCR is working closely with the shelter cluster and prepositioned a stock of Core Relief Items (CRIs) including blankets, sleeping mats, plastic tarpaulin to cover the needs of around **2,000 affected families** by the storm.



Refugee house destroyed in Maratane settlement, Nampula Province. ©UNHCR/Irene Omondi



Cabo Delgado



UNHCR maintained close contact before, during and after the tropical storm landfall with a network of **153 trained Protection Focal Points (PFPs)** from displaced and host communities in the districts of Ancuabe, Chiure, Mecufi, Metuge, Montepuez and Pemba to assess protection needs, shelters, and houses damaged, referral of urgent cases and disseminate protection messages. According to PFPs, some areas in Pemba and Metuge experienced floods. No casualties were registered. Preliminary information indicates that 25 families lost their shelters and already received assistance with shelter materials, including tarpaulins. Close monitoring is still ongoing.



UNHCR conducted **protection monitoring exercises in the districts of Pemba and Metuge** to assess shelters damaged through discussions with local authorities, community leaders, and members from displaced and host communities, while simultaneously disseminating key protection messages reaching 519 people.

Nampula



UNHCR maintained contact with 20 trained PFPs in Corane IDP site and conducted **protection monitoring exercises in Maratane, where refugees and host communities were severely affected**, including the transit center facilities that need urgent rehabilitation. So far, over 100 families have damaged shelters and are being provided with materials including tarpaulins. UNHCR is also disseminating messages on public health awareness regarding post storm effects such as potential outbreaks. No casualties were registered. UNHCR is part of the government provincial level emergency and humanitarian coordination with other key actors and is leading the protection working group.



Niassa and Zambezia



UNHCR plans to **provide CRIs and shelters materials to households** residing in IDP sites in Zambezia upon confirmation of numbers and location.

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