

Mozambique

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Mozambique hosts **28,345 refugees and asylum-seekers**. Some 9,500 live in Maratane refugee settlement in Nampula Province, while the remaining 19,000 reside in urban areas throughout the country.

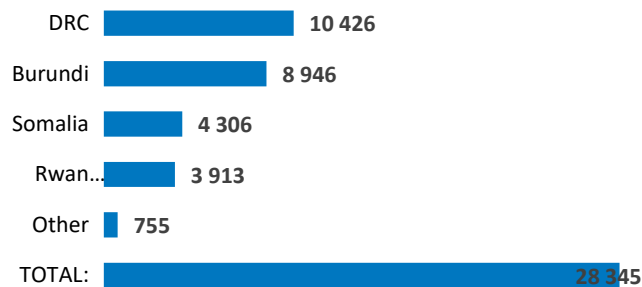
More than **732,000 people are internally displaced in northern Mozambique** as of April 2021 due to violence that erupted in 2017. Attacks in Palma in March 2021 also triggered the flight of some 100,000

UNHCR urges neighbouring countries to grant asylum to people fleeing violence. More than 10,000 Mozambicans have been forcibly returned in 2021.

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732,000 IDPs in northern Mozambique*

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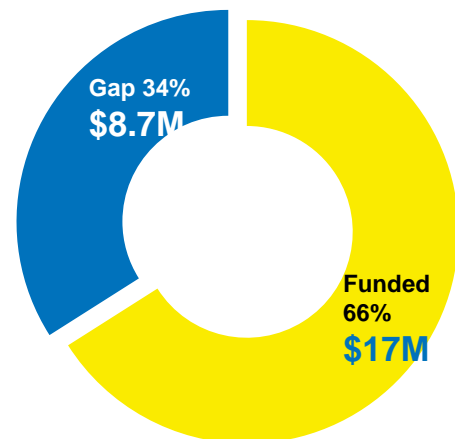


* Source: IOM/DTM <https://dtm.iom.int/mozambique>

FUNDING (AS OF 13 SEPTEMBER)

USD 25.7 million

Requested for the Mozambique situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 81

Offices:

- 1 Representation Office in Maputo
- 2 Field Offices in Nampula and Pemba



Rosa Saide, a trained midwife, fled violence in northern Mozambique. She currently resides in Ngalane IDP site, Cabo Delgado. © UNHCR/Martim Gray Pereira

MAIN ACTIVITIES

REFUGEE RESPONSE

Some 28,345 refugees and asylum-seekers reside in Mozambique as of August 2021. Some 9,500 live in Maratane settlement in Nampula Province, the country's only formal settlement, while more than 18,000 reside in urban areas throughout the country. UNHCR coordinates the refugee response under the Refugee Coordination Model, in close consultation with Government counterparts and in collaboration with partners. With clear lines of accountability, the response is coordinated with a broad range of key actors to ensure predictability, complementarity and inclusiveness

Protection

- UNHCR supports government efforts to improve the national asylum system through capacity-building and technical advice to strengthen refugee status determination procedures. UNHCR supports the transition to local integration through livelihood opportunities to enhance self-reliance, supports voluntary repatriation requests and enhances the capacity of the authorities to conduct population registration and issue documentation. The National Institute for Refugee Support, *Instituto Nacional de Apoio aos Refugiados* (INAR), undertakes registration and issues identification documents, with 26,950 people receiving ID cards since 2017.
- Linha Verde call centre – managed by WFP with UNHCR's support - triages reports of gender-based violence (GBV) from the refugee population in Maratane settlement. UNHCR and partners also conducted a series of training sessions on GBV and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) for Government staff and other stakeholders in Maratane settlement to reinforce their ability to address protection matters.

Education

- The Instant Network Schools (INS) initiative, implemented in partnership with Vodafone, gives young refugees, host communities and their teachers access to digital learning content and the internet to help improve the quality of education. Refresher training sessions were conducted for teachers and INS coaches from the refugee community in Maratane. UNHCR is identifying new schools for the expansion of the INS project in Nampula district.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- WASH partners established community WASH committees in Maratane to manage the 19 water points in the settlement. UNHCR and partners created a monitoring plan to enable a safe and sustainable water supply in and around Maratane settlement, including through regular monitoring of hand pumps and solar boreholes.

Livelihoods

- The recently completed three-year 'Livelihoods for Durable Solutions' project improves livelihoods options for refugees and the host community. The project sought to enhance the integration of refugees into the local economy to promote development. UNHCR also provided training on post-distribution monitoring following the roll-out of a cash assistance management tool.

Health

- Risk awareness campaigns to combat the spread of COVID-19 reached more than 70 per cent of the residents of Maratane settlement (excluding infants and very young children). Surgical and medical supplies were provided to Maratane Health Centre to support the national COVID-19 response.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- Government staff in Maratane settlement were trained as part of the rollout of UNHCR's Global Distribution Tool. UNHCR also facilitated training in site management and protection mainstreaming for Government staff in Nampula.

IDP RESPONSE

An **estimated 732,000 people are internally displaced** in the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Niassa and Zambezia due to the ongoing conflict in Cabo Delgado, 45 per cent of whom are children. UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster at national level and in Cabo Delgado Province.

Protection

- In Cabo Delgado Province, priority protection activities include monitoring, child protection, PSEA and combating GBV. As more than 10,300 Mozambican asylum-seekers have been forcibly returned since the start of the year, regular monitoring missions are conducted to border areas to assess the situation and needs. UNHCR and partners - led by NRC and Oxfam South Africa - have supported Mozambique to draft a national 'Policy and Strategy on the Management of Displaced Persons', which was adopted on 3 August, representing a pivotal step towards the integration of the Kampala Convention into national legislation. UNHCR continues to support the completion of the domestication process by providing technical advice and support to the national legal and policy framework.
- UNHCR has trained 68 protection focal points in Cabo Delgado and 16 in Nampula in the last year, and is scaling up the training programme. Legal counselling and assistance for displaced and host communities has reached almost 13,000 people through mobile legal clinics in Pemba district alone since December 2020. Three protection hubs are currently under construction in Metuge and Montepuez districts to provide safe spaces for protection services, provide individual and group support, and complement the activities of protection focal points.
- UNHCR has integrated targeted mental health and psychosocial support services in six IDP sites to provide access to safe and quality services for a population of over 43,700 vulnerable displaced persons. In 2021, UNHCR, together with partners and members of the displaced and host communities, conducted six assessments in IDP sites in the districts of Metuge, Chiure and Montepuez to identify GBV risks, analyze prevention and response mechanisms, and address gaps. Additionally, since January 2021, UNHCR and partners trained 345 people from the local authorities and partner organizations on GBV prevention and response. Awareness sessions on GBV, early marriage prevention and access to services were conducted for more than 3,500 people in two IDP sites in Cabo Delgado.
- UNHCR co-leads the PSEA Network in Cabo Delgado to help reduce the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and improve reporting of SEA cases. Since the start of 2021, UNHCR has reached over 3,000 people from the displaced and host communities with awareness-raising activities during distributions of household and hygiene items and protection activities. Additionally, UNHCR provided training to over 250 participants from partner organizations, the local authorities, and members of the refugee and host communities on PSEA principles and reporting mechanisms.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

- Household and hygiene items were distributed to 8,113 families in Chiure, Metuge, Montepuez and Mueda districts since the start of the year. In Nampula Province, UNHCR distributed essential items to 1,230 displaced families living in Corrane IDP site.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

- UNHCR conducts site management and coordination activities jointly with the local authorities, including the National Institute for Disaster Management (INGD), to support the existing community leadership structures in the IDP sites and ensure relocations happen in a dignified manner. UNHCR also supports quick impact projects in Nampula's Meconta district to enhance social cohesion between IDPs and the local community. In Montepuez, a centralized community feedback mechanism in the IDP sites of Ntele and Nicuapa ensures that community concerns are addressed safely and confidentially. UNHCR also supports capacity-building activities targeting local officials and partners, and plans to expand these interventions, including in the remote district of Mueda.

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