

Mozambique

May 2022

Mozambique hosts **29,882 refugees and asylum-seekers**. Violence by non-state armed groups (NSAGs) combined with natural disasters, triggered more than **one million internally displaced persons (IDPs)** in the north and central districts. Mozambique is one of the most adversely affected countries in the world by climate-related

hazards. On 31 March, **UNHCR** declared a **Level-2 Emergency** for Mozambique the **third emergency declaration** in the last four years, after tropical Cyclone Gombe caused significant damage and displaced over 700,000 people. **UNHCR continues to raise the alarm over the desperate situation in Mozambique**, one of the worlds **'invisible emergencies'**.

UNHCR and partners work closely with local authorities to ensure the **emergency needs of displaced persons continue to be addressed**, while advocating for the **inclusion of refugees and IDPs** in government programmes and longer-term **development partner** programming.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 01 APRIL 2022)

732,227 IDPs in northern Mozambique caused by conflict *

Over 736,015 IDPs in Nampula and Zambezia provinces caused by Tropical Cyclone Gombe**

29,882 refugees and asylum-seekers***

*Source: <https://dtm.iom.int/mozambique?page=1>

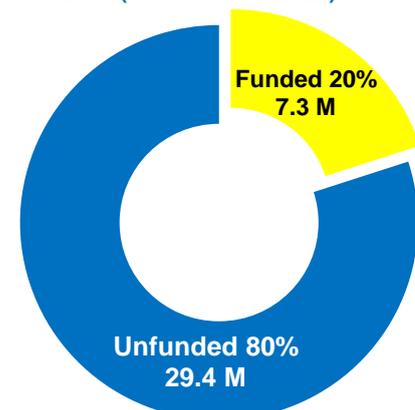
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***Source: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/moz>

USD 36.7 M

Requested for the Mozambique operation in 2022

FUNDING (AS OF 10 MAY 2022)



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

59 National Staff

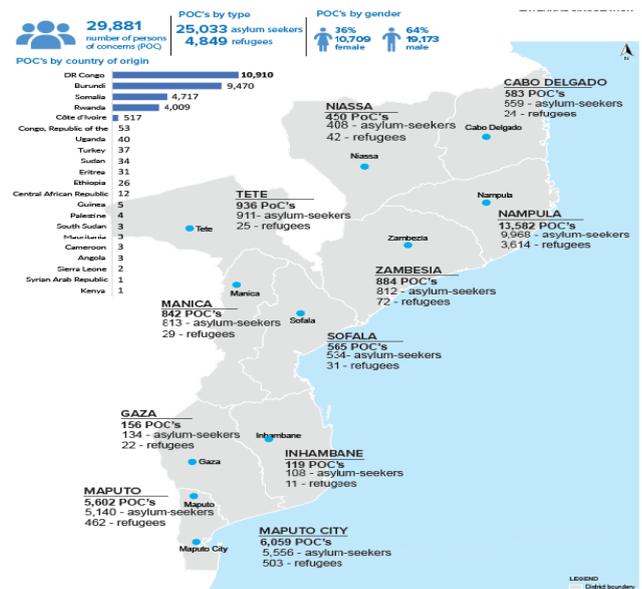
45 International Staff

Offices:

1 Country Office in Maputo

1 Sub-office in Pemba

1 Field Office in Nampula



MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- As of April 2022, there were 29,882 refugees and asylum-seekers residing in Mozambique, of which, 9,124 live in the Maratane settlement in Nampula Province, the country's only formal settlement, while more than 20,500 reside in urban areas throughout the country. Established in November 2020, Corrane is the only formal IDP site hosting around 1,400 families.
- UNHCR is leading the provision of GBV case management in accessible safe locations with high numbers of vulnerable IDPs, as an entry point for the provision of broader health, legal, and psychosocial support services. In these areas, close to 44,000 people now have access to GBV services.
- In March and April 2022, UNHCR and its partner, the Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), assisted over 3,400 people access civil documentation from displaced and host communities in Ancuabe, Montepuez and Pemba.
- In Lianda IDP site, Mueda, UNHCR partner HelpCode, conducted protection monitoring activities to identify and address protection needs and risks. The main protection risks identified were tensions between displaced and host communities due to competition over scarce resources, limited humanitarian assistance, and the need for Mental Health and Psychosocial (MHPSS) support to traumatized individuals.
- UNHCR continues to support families with acute protection needs to find a durable solution in a third country through resettlement. In May 2022, ten cases were interviewed for resettlement and six cases for profiling.
- Protection staff continue to conduct counselling sessions on the various legal and protection needs of refugees and asylum seekers.
- UNHCR continues to assist refugees who wish to return to their country of origin in safety and dignity, jointly with the Government Refugee Agency (INAR), the National Migration Service (SENAMI), and the Representations of countries of origin in Mozambique. As of April 2022, 105 individuals had returned to their countries of origin. In March, a return intentions survey for IDPs conducted in Pulo Site, Metuge district, Cabo Delgado, targeting 260 households mainly from the Meluco District, indicated that only 18 per cent were willing to return home.
- UNHCR continues to support Inter-Agency coordination on IDPs and co-chairs the Humanitarian Country Team's Working Group on Community Engagement and Accountability to Affected Populations (CE/AAP).
- UNHCR was actively involved in the drafting process of the National Policy and Strategy on the Management of IDPs, led by NRC/Oxfam SA, which was adopted by Mozambique on August 3, 2021, and is currently supporting the Government in its implementation on the ground.

Shelter

- UNHCR supported negotiations to expand the Maratane settlement to support the peaceful co-existence and access to livelihood opportunities. This expansion is important as Maratane, and surrounding areas play a key role in providing agricultural services to Nampula.
- In response to Cyclone Gombe, UNHCR, the GOM and partners provided critical lifesaving assistance to IDPs by distributing core relief items. Nearly 2,000 NFI kits, which included blankets, sleeping mats, tarpaulins, and buckets were distributed in the Nampula province. Soap and sanitary materials were also distributed.
- In 2022, in Maratane, 800 durable shelters for vulnerable refugees and host community will be constructed and 932 households (HH) will receive a basic shelter kit. In Corrane IDP settlement, 840 durable shelters are planned for 2022 along with emergency shelter kits for 1,000 HH.

Livelihoods

- In response to tropical Cyclone Gombe and other climate related shocks, UNHCR is working with partners and the GoM to mitigate further deterioration of livelihoods loss and food insecurity. The emergency response is supporting affected populations in restoring agricultural production, recover livelihoods assets/tools and focus on diversification of livelihoods response to ensure household resilience to future shocks.
- UNHCR, AVSI, and CriMoz mapped 100 artisan groups and individuals in Pemba, Metuge and Montepuez to replicate the Made51 model in Cabo Delgado and enabled the inclusion of 80 artisans in the MAKE initiative led by UNESCO, promoting access to markets and opportunities within the creative industry in Mozambique.

Education

- In partnership with the National Institute for Employment (INEP), UNHCR is providing technical and vocational training for refugees, asylum seekers and host communities living in Maratane and surrounding areas. Also, in partnership with the Vodafone foundation, 15 Instant Network Schools (INS) centers in Maratane and Nampula districts were established to give young refugees, host communities, and their teachers access to digital learning and the internet.

Development partnerships

Mozambique is leading in the Southern African region in the level of inclusion of persons of concern (PoCs) in

development partner programming. PoCs have been included in four development partner projects, three with the African Development Bank (AfDB), and one with the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) with a total funding volume of US\$ 254.8 million, supporting IDP's and refugees in the areas of climate financing, access to energy provision, improved access to markets and infrastructure, farming and access to land. Furthermore, the operation has firmed-up two transactional projects with the AfDB and BMZ/GIZ respectively, totalling USD\$ 16.8 million over three years supporting refugees and IDPs in the areas of livelihoods, social cohesion, access to protection services and improved government-led coordination.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- In coordination with local authorities, UNHCR and its partners, the Association for Volunteers in International Service (AVSI) and Solidarites International (SI), provide continuous support in delivering site management interventions in Montepuez and Mueda, in Cabo Delgado province.

Health

- The Maratane Health Center is now ranked among the top five health facilities in Nampula province after UNHCR, in collaboration with the District Health Services, supported the construction of one laboratory equipped with new generation hemogram and bio-chemical machines as well as one new blood bank with haematology equipment. In addition, UNHCR supported the expansion of the maternity section and the procurement of one portable echography machine as well as increasing the bed capacity from seven to twenty-one. UNHCR also completed the construction of the COVID-19 Transit Center.
- In Maratane, 37 Patients received non-essential medicines through the financial support of UNHCR channeled under the Program Partnership Agreement signed with the Health, Women and Social Action District Services authorities.
- UNHCR provided counselling and psychosocial support to 30 HHs, and in coordination with Community Health Volunteers, vaccinated 14,718 children during two mass vaccination polio campaigns in Maratane.
- 120 beneficiaries with moderate and severe acute malnutrition were assisted to improve their nutritional status through the complementary food distribution program for chronically ill patients with malnutrition in Maratane.

COVID-19

- UNHCR worked to increase vaccination rates among refugees, IDPs, and host community, organized three COVID-19 training sessions benefiting 47 community-based workforces from Maratane Settlement public sector, delivered 800 COVID-19 Anti-Gen testing kits to Maratane Health Centre, and supported COVID-19 testing for more than 725 persons from the refugee, IDP and host communities.

Security

- UNHCR continues to operate in Cabo Delgado except in Nangade, where all humanitarian activities are still suspended due to the armed conflict. Military operations, involving the Mozambican army and troops from Rwanda and South Africa, continue being carried out in Cabo Delgado in the fight against Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs).

Tropical Cyclones

- Tropical Storm Ana hit the northern and central Mozambique on 24 January 2022 and Tropical Cyclone Gombe hit Nampula province, northern Mozambique, on 11 March 2022 affecting at least 736,015 persons, injuring 108, killing 63, damaging critical infrastructure, cutting power and communications in Nampula city and in Maratane refugee settlement and destroying 91,177 hectares of crops.
- UNHCR responded rapidly with the GoM and partners to assess and respond to the needs of the newly displaced families, including shelter, food, and healthcare, as well as providing protection services and assisting IDPs with civil documentation services.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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