

Mozambique

Mozambique hosts more than **28,000 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. Following attacks in June and July resulting in the displacement of over 83,000 people, including some 23,000 displaced to Nampula province, the situation in Cabo Delgado remains volatile despite fewer recorded attacks during August.

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 range of stakeholders, including the Government, to provide **lifesaving protection services and assistance** for affected populations, including refugees and IDPs, 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 a further **83,000** new displacements in June attacks**

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

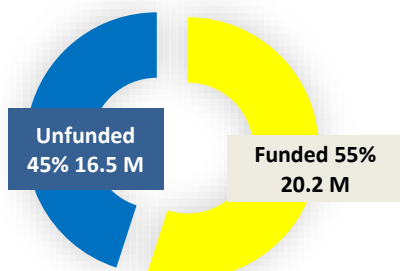
28,843 refugees and asylum-seekers****

* 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: 117
 70 National staff
 47 International staff

Offices: 3
 1 Country Office in Maputo – 37 staff
 1 Field Office in Nampula – 34 staff
 1 Sub-office in Pemba – 46 staff

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | AUGUST 2022

Protection

- Through its partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), UNHCR assisted 715 people from displaced and host communities in Pemba [access identity documents](#) in August. Since January 2022, UNHCR and UCM have supported over 7,500 people, including IDPs and members of host communities, in accessing identity documents, among which around 44 per cent have been children. While in Nampula province, a civil registration and documentation project remains ongoing, enabling displaced people to apply for documentation, as well as receive counselling services and legal assistance. In August, the project targeted IDPs in Corane IDP site in Meconta district. UNHCR with local authorities have ensured effective communication with communities so they are informed.
- During August, UNHCR and partner Humanity and Inclusion (HI), together with government health professionals, identified 679 [people living with disabilities](#) in Chiure, Mueda and Pemba districts of Cabo Delgado to receive assistance devices such as wheelchairs and crutches. Distribution of this in-kind support is ongoing.
- UNHCR and partner HelpCode carry out [protection monitoring](#) activities to identify protection risks and trends and refer individuals with heightened needs to specialized services. During August, over 3,800 displaced families were interviewed, with close to 14,000 IDP and IDP returnee households interviewed since the beginning of the year. During protection monitoring activities, 335 [people with specific needs](#) were identified, including separated children, women at risk, people with disabilities and older people, as well as 845 people without access to legal documentation. Referral to specialized services is ongoing.
- UNHCR and partner HelpCode delivered a training session on prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV) and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) reaching 22 staff from local authorities and service providers. In Nampula, UNHCR facilitated a protection mainstreaming training with members of the National Disasters Management Institute (INGD), the main objective was to inform and raise awareness on basic protection principles among participants.
- Since the beginning of 2022, 167 individuals were supported to [voluntarily return](#) to various countries of origin. With regard to the promotion of voluntary repatriation to Burundi, during August, UNHCR and its government counterpart, Instituto Nacional De Apoio Aos Refugiados (INAR), met with Burundian refugee community to discuss key messages for dissemination. The message, translated into several language, aims to inform on the situation in Burundi and the support that UNHCR will provide for those who wish to return, underscoring the voluntary nature of return.
- More information on the IDP response in northern Mozambique can be found [here](#).



GBV and PSEA training in Palma. Photo: UNHCR

Education

- In response to under-resourced classrooms, the [Instant Network Schools \(INS\)](#) was developed in several countries across Africa, including Mozambique, to provide a holistic solution to transform an existing classroom into a multi-media hub for learning. In August, UNHCR, in partnership with the Vodaphone Foundation, carried out a training with 15 coaches of the INS programme in Nampula province. Topics of training included communication in the work environment, child protection, and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). A further 120 teachers from schools in three locations received training on how to use INS equipment. Overall, more than 61,000 children have benefitted from the INS programme, among them 48 per cent have been female.
- 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, UNHCR continues regular engagement with the 32 DAFI students receiving scholarships to access university education, particularly ahead of the upcoming 30th anniversary of DAFI.

Shelter, Core Relief Items (CRIs)

- In Niassa province, **577 people** (128 families) affected by cyclone Gombe and IDPs originating from Cabo Delgado province were provided with **core relief items (CRIs)**. Items provided included blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, solar lamps, and buckets.
- In August, in Mueda District, Cabo Delgado Province, UNHCR and partner Solidarite International (SI) distributed **full CRI kits to 500 people** (100 families) in an IDP site. IDPs in another site who had previously received partial kits, received additional items to top up the kits, amounting to 564 blankets, 369 sleeping mats, 2,478 mosquito nets, 1,238 kitchen sets and 1,243 solar lamps.
- In Nampula province, **7,263 refugees** and asylum-seekers residing in Maratane refugee camp were provided with 250g of soap, while **2,653 women and girls** of reproductive age from the same community were provided with 250g of soap and sanitary pads. This support is provided on a monthly basis.
- In Nampula, the construction of **100 resilient shelters** in an IDP camp is ongoing, with 93 shelters now partially completed.



Families queuing to receive CRIs in Zambezia Province. Photo: UNHCR

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

- Starting in August 2022, UNHCR, the **African Development Bank** and the Government of Mozambique have signed a tripartite agreement to support IDPs, refugees and host communities by developing sustainable market systems and value chains and support financial inclusion in Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces.
- Through its partner, AVSI, UNHCR concluded **trainings on life skills and business set-up methodologies** for 201 people, among whom nearly half were women, from displaced and host communities in Montepuez District. The training aims to support IDPs with technical capacity and funds to start their own businesses within the community. Participants are currently developing business plans with the support of AVSI.
- UNHCR is expanding its partnership with the National Institute of Employment to support IDPs and host community members living in Corrane IDP site with technical and vocational training. Preliminary planning took place in August with partners defining courses and selection criteria for participants. Overall, 90 people will benefit from activities that will commence in September.

Partnerships and Coordination

- The Government of Mozambique has 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 Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa. UNHCR closely supports the one UN efforts to 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 building efforts for its partners in 2022 and beyond, in line with commitments outlined in the **Grand Bargain** agreement. In addition, two UN2UN 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 **scales-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 people of concern 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

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 building of the Government and partners, and sensitization of communities on the importance of preparedness.

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