

Mozambique

Mozambique hosts more than **31,000 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. As Mozambique has entered its rainy and cyclone season, UNHCR is taking steps to ensure that adequate preparedness and response measures are in place to mitigate the impact of climate related hazards on refugees, **asylum-seekers** and IDPs.

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. At the same time, 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

1,028,743 internally displaced people in northern Mozambique due to ongoing conflict*

736,015 people affected in Nampula and Zambezia provinces by Tropical Cyclone Gombe in 2022, ** while **129,327** people have remained displaced internally in central Mozambique following cyclone Idai in March 2019.

31,322 refugees and asylum-seekers, including **8,484** refugees and asylum-seekers in Maratane Refugee Settlement, Nampula province***

* [Displacement Tracking Mechanism, Round 17, November 2022, IOM](#)

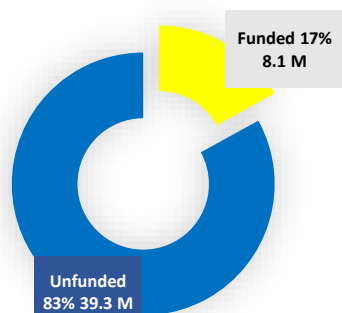
** [Tropical Cyclone Gombe Flash Update No.6, March 2022, UNOCHA](#)

*** According to UNHCR data

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UNHCR PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE



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Staff: 122

68 National Staff

54 International Staff

Offices: 3

1 Country Office in Maputo – 45 staff

1 Field Office in Nampula – 34 staff

1 Sub Office in Pemba – 43 staff

KEY HIGHLIGHTS | JANUARY 2023

Protection

- UNHCR's [protection monitoring](#) activities are critical to identify protection risks and trends and make referrals for people with heightened needs to specialized services. In January 2023, UNHCR provided protection monitoring training to 17 enumerators from partner HelpCode, with a two-day refresher training on protection and data collection. Protection monitoring activities will commence in February in Cabo Delgado.
- Possessing [civil documentation](#) is critical, enabling displaced people to access services, including healthcare and education and enhancing their freedom of movement. During the period in review, the partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM), supported by UNHCR, received a two-week training from notaries from the Provincial Service of Justice and Labour (SPJT), allowing the UCM civil documentation project to begin issuing both birth certificates and national IDs, as previously they were only able to issue national IDs. UCM's legal caravan, which works with authorities to issue civil documentation and provide other types of legal assistance, will commence 2023 operations in February. In 2022, UNHCR/UCM assisted over 18,000 people with civil documentation.
- UNHCR provides [support to people with disabilities](#), including the provision of assistive devices. UNHCR, through partner Humanitarian Inclusion (HI), is in the process of delivering prosthesis and assistive devices, for example wheelchairs and crutches, to nearly 200 people with disabilities following a health screening.
- UNHCR conducted an [awareness-raising campaign](#) on durable solutions for asylum seekers and refugees in Maratane refugee settlement and in Nampula city with an objective to provide clarifications on popular misconceptions about resettlement as one of the solutions.
- As part of the [Safe from the Start](#) project, ten women from Maratane refugee settlement and ten women in Corrane IDP site, Nampula province, affected by gender-based violence, benefited from training in soap production. This activity aims to improve self-reliance, provide an income earning opportunity, and provide a safe space for sharing experiences, building relationships, and gaining awareness on addressing GBV in communities.
- UNHCR periodically carries out refugee/asylum seeker [verification exercises](#) to ensure that important biodata is updated and that it is accurately reflected in UNHCR's data systems and resources are allocated with maximum impact. The exercise, which began in November 2022 in Maputo, moved to Nampula province on 16 January 2023. As of 27 January 2023, 2,314 individuals (1,521 households) had already been verified in Nampula, bringing the total number of people verified country-wide to 12,126 individuals (7,839 households) as of end of January 2023.
- In Cabo Delgado, UNHCR carried out focus group discussions (FGDs) with protection focal points and community volunteers to assess learning needs for [prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse](#) (PSEA). Findings will inform the development of a PSEA training module with the aim to improving awareness and survivor-centred reporting within communities.



Mobile clinic providing civil documentation to displaced people in Corrane IDP Site, Nampula. Photo: UNHCR/Guilherme Chirinda

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 country of origin. Currently, there are 43 students enrolled in the DAFI programme.

- The 2022 Mozambique [Refugee Education Situation Analysis Report](#), finalized in January 2023, is the foundation of the Mozambique Refugee Education Inclusion Strategic Plan 2023-2026. The policy brief seeks to offer Ministry of Education Officials, development partners engaged in the education sector, humanitarian actors, refugee community representatives, and civil society an outline of areas of opportunity to collaborate in pursuit of the aspirations of the [Global Refugee Compact](#) and the SDG4 call to [Leave No One Behind](#). This Report was presented to the Mozambique Education Cluster and the World Bank.

Shelter and core relief items (CRIs)

- During January, over **7,500** IDPs benefitted from the provision of **CRIs** in Cabo Delgado. Through UNHCR partner AVSI. Some 830 CRI kits were distributed in Impire, Angalia and Tauane IDP sites, Balama district, while 677 CRI kits were distributed in Lianda IDP site, Mueda district. Items included blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, plastic sheets, kitchen sets, plastic buckets, solar lamps, and carry bags.
- By the end of January 2023, all **480 transitional shelters** planned under the 2022 Shelter programme in Cabo Delgado were completed, benefitting approximately 2,400 IDPs. Shelters were built in Ntele and Chimoio IDP sites in Montepuez and in Lianda IDP site in Mueda through UNHCR partner Solidarités International (SI).
- In Corrane IDP site, Nampula province, UNHCR through partner CEDES, distributed **100 emergency shelter kits**, and the construction of 100 resilient shelters has been completed for vulnerable households. The construction of a further 110 resilient shelters in Corrane is underway in partnership with Caritas.



Distribution of CRIs to refugee residents of Maratane Refugee Settlement. Photo: UNHCR/Guilherme Chirinda

Camp coordination and camp management (CCCM)

- In Mueda district, Cabo Delgado, UNHCR through partner Solidarités International (SI) handed over **two community centres** built in Nandimba and Mpeme IDP sites to the Site Management Committees. In Lianda IDP site, SI completed the **construction of a market facility and communal kitchen**. The building of a waiting facility for the District Hospital of Montepuez also commenced through partner AVSI.

Livelihoods and economic inclusion

- In partnership with the Alberto Cassimo Institute for Professional Training and Labour Studies (IFPELAC) in Pemba, 110 students finalized TVET studies on electrical installation, refrigeration and cooling, masonry, and plumbing. UNHCR, alongside partners IFPELAC and AVSI, launched community mobilisation activities to identify the next cohort, which begins from February 2023, taking into consideration vulnerability criteria, with over 950 people subscribed to the next course cycle.
- **MADE51** is a company that brings refugee-made products to the global market, supporting sustainable economic



IFPELAC students in action. Photo: UNHCR/Guilherme Chirinda

inclusion. Harnessing skills and traditions, refugee artisans are given the opportunity to partner with local social enterprises to sell their products. The Maratane Refugee Settlement Cooperative signed its first agreement in January 2023 with Karingana, the local organization appointed to work with MADE 51 in Mozambique.

Partnerships and Coordination

- UNHCR chairs the Protection Cluster and the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) working group, and co-chairs the PSEA working group. Along with UNICEF. More information on people reached and activities of protection cluster partners can be found [here](#).
- UNHCR works with 21 partners, including government partners and international and national NGOs. In addition, one UN2UN Transfer Agreement with WFP to operate a complaints and response mechanism is also in place.
- UNHCR Mozambique has [scaled-up its partnerships with development actors](#) to mobilize their support in displacement settings, achieving the inclusion of refugees and IDPs into development actors' programmes in areas of climate financing, energy provision, access to services, among others as well as 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 refugees and asylum seekers](#), as well as the communities that host them; (ii) [address the protection and assistance needs and support sustainable solutions for internally displaced persons](#) in the northern provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa, as well as the communities that host them; (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 sustainably the needs of people we serve; 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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