

Mozambique

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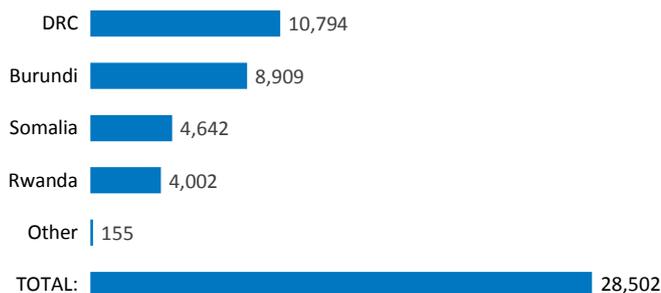
Over **24,000 asylum seekers** are awaiting **Refugee Status Determination** decisions. No decisions have been issued since 2011.

Over **8,000 Mozambicans** in **Zimbabwe** are waiting to return to Mozambique.

Over **20,000 people affected by Cyclone Idai** have benefitted from protection interventions and relief items through UNHCR's emergency response.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Country of Origin

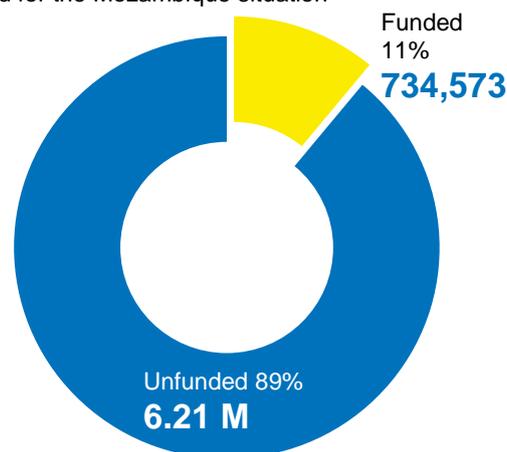


* Figures as of 28 November 2018

FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL)

USD 6.95 M

requested for the Mozambique situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 17 National Staff
- 8 International Staff
- 10 Emergency Staff

Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Maputo
- 1 Field Office in Nampula
- 1 Field office in Beira



Working with Partners

- In Mozambique, UNHCR coordinates closely with the National Institute for Refugee Assistance (INAR); Ministry of Health (MoH); Ministry of Education (MoE); Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Affairs (DPGCAS); Ministry of Interior; Episcopal Commission for Migrants, Refugees and IDPs (CEMIRDE); Scalabrini Brothers; KULIMA; FAO; IOM; UNICEF, UN Women, UN-Habitat; and WFP.

Main Activities

Emergency Response – Cyclone Idai

- On 14 March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall near Beira City, leaving devastating loss of life and large-scale destruction of assets and infrastructure in its wake. An estimated 1.85 million people were impacted by the storm and subsequent flooding. Women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities who are less mobile were particularly affected.
- UNHCR is delivering life-saving assistance including emergency shelter and non-food items (solar lamps, blankets, jerry cans, buckets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets) to 10,000 IDPs. Distributions will continue in May.
- Thousands of displaced persons have been accommodated in overcrowded, unsanitary temporary centres and have been pushed to resettle or return to areas not ready for human habitation. UNHCR is conducting protection monitoring in accommodation centres, resettlement sites and areas of return to highlight protection concerns to the government and humanitarian community for action. UNHCR is also working to strengthen community based protection systems so that communities impacted by the storm are better able to self-identify persons with protection concerns and refer them to appropriate services and resources.
- In the framework of the emergency response, UNHCR is co-leading the Protection cluster at the national and sub-national level.
- UNHCR ensured a short-term presence for coordination and protection monitoring in Cabo Delgado immediately after Cyclone Kenneth made landfall in April 2019.

Protection

- There are over 12,000 asylum cases (24,331 individuals) awaiting a refugee status determination decision by the Minister of Interior since 2011. UNHCR continues to advocate with the Minister of Interior for the final endorsement of these cases. The lack of RSD decisions was identified as a key concern for PoC in the 2018 participatory assessment;

- UNHCR, through its partner CEMIRDE, provides free legal assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers and supports refugees who meet the national criteria in the naturalization process;
- UNHCR is conducting trainings with the Government of Mozambique and police in the Maratane camp on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and response. Counselling and occupational therapy are also provided to survivors of SGBV and awareness raising campaigns are carried out jointly with government partners.
- UNHCR Mozambique, with the support of the UNHCR regional office, is undertaking a nation-wide biometric verification exercise to verify the personal information of asylum seekers and refugees and to identify any cases of registration duplication. Over 20,750 refugees and asylum-seekers have been verified to date in Maputo, Nampula city and the Maratane Camp. The exercise will continue to other areas of Mozambique concluding in 2019.
- UNHCR provides technical assistance to the Government of Mozambique to ensure that registration and refugee status determination (RSD) procedures are performed in accordance with international standards.
- UNHCR distributes sanitary napkins and soap to an average of 2,500 women and girls per month.

Education

- Refugees and asylum-seekers have access to public primary and secondary education. UNHCR supports the Ministry of Education in providing education services in Maratane, through incentives to teachers and provision of teaching and learning materials. Approximately 1,400 refugee and asylum-seeker children are enrolled in the camp's primary school and 420 are enrolled in secondary school in Maratane.
- Thanks to funding from the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Programme (DAFI) UNHCR sponsors 25 refugee students enrolled in higher education in Mozambique.

Health

- UNHCR provides support to the health clinic in the Maratane Camp through MoH. The clinic provides primary health services and basic medicine and attends to an average of 3,450 patients per month. INAR supports patient referrals to secondary and tertiary health care facilities.
- UNHCR, through trained health activists, follows the movement of patients who need treatment in Nampula and Maputo.
- Persons of concern have free access to national HIV/AIDS programs and antiretroviral therapy (ART). Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services are fully functional and condoms are made available in Maratane. The Adolescent Friendly Health Services at Maratane Health Centre are strengthening the prevention of sexually transmitted infections as well as family planning.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR partners with WFP and the Government of Mozambique to provide monthly food assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers living in Maratane Camp.
- Through a partnership with Cemirde and the Scalabrini Brothers, UNHCR supports complementary feeding for children under five years of age to prevent malnutrition. UNHCR also supports DPGCAS in implementing a supplementary feeding programme for vulnerable persons of concern including the chronically ill.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Through the US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) funded 'Livelihood for Durable Solutions' project (2016-2019), over 100 refugees are being supported to attain self-reliance, aiming to reduce their dependency on food assistance and increase their ability to locally integrate. The project is jointly implemented by the government, UNHCR, FAO, WFP and UN-Habitat. Within the framework of this project, UNCHR is applying the Graduation Approach, which supports cohorts of participants through cash-based incentives, coaching and livelihood opportunities with the technical support from Trickle-Up.

Durable Solutions

- In 2018, UNHCR Mozambique partnered with IOM to support the return of 2,700 Mozambicans from Malawi. In 2019, the operation will look for opportunities to support the 8,000 Mozambicans currently in Zimbabwe awaiting return.
- UNHCR focuses on facilitating the local integration of refugees through projects in Maratane refugee settlement (Nampula Province) and through outreach and legal support to urban refugees in Nampula, Maputo and Matola.
- UNHCR also supports resettlement to a third country (in agreement with the UNHCR Regional Office) for a limited number of refugees.

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