

Northern Mozambique Situation

October 2021

More than **745,000** people have fled their homes in northern Mozambique due to violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups. UNHCR reiterates concern for the protection and humanitarian needs of displaced people and host communities.

UNHCR participated in an **inter-agency assessment to Palma** over 14-15 October. IDPs' reported continued violence and intimidation, safety fears, and worrisome community tensions, and said supplies remain insufficient.

UNHCR's **Representative** together with the **UN Resident/**

Humanitarian Coordinator undertook a **field mission to Cabo Delgado on 26 October** to visit UNHCR's protection activities. The delegation met IDPs who highlighted GBV risks and trends, and they witnessed the civil documentation mobile clinic and other protection initiatives underway.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS JAN – OCT 2021

 **13,032** people from displaced and host communities received legal assistance

 **6,162** people from displaced and host community received IDs and birth certificates

 **10,200** families/ **51,000** people received Core Relief Items

 **20,928** people reached by GBV prevention and response awareness campaigns

 **469** partner and government staff and community volunteers trained on GBV prevention and response

 **84** persons with disabilities received assistance devices, including wheelchairs, crutches and shoulder crutches

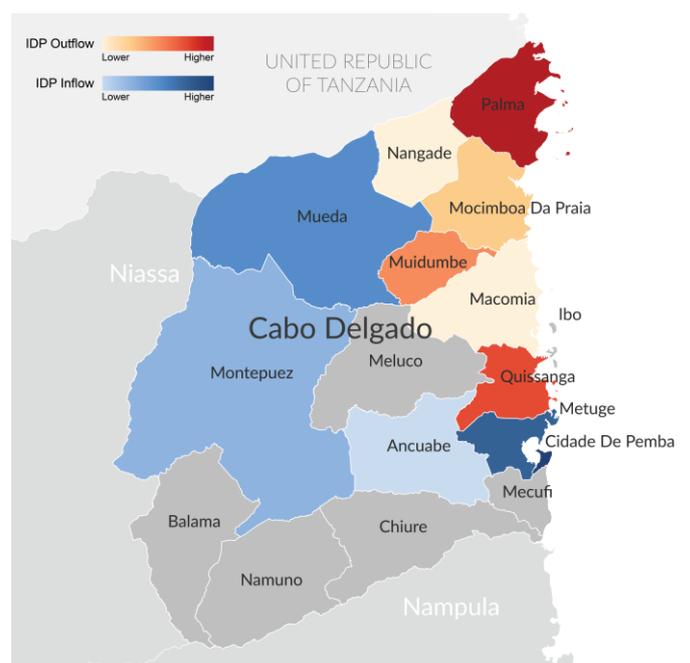
 **111** Protection Focal Persons trained and **29** candidates undergoing training

 **6** mobile safe spaces providing integrated GBV, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services

 **152** trained GBV community volunteers providing awareness and referrals to GBV services



Early marriage Prevention activities with displaced girls in Metuge, Cabo Delgado.
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Activities

Highlights

- **UNHCR and the Protection Cluster join OCHA-led inter-agency rapid assessment to Palma:** The humanitarian team identified a number of high-risk concerns during the assessment over 14-15 October including allegations of kidnapping, forced recruitment, sexual violence by armed actors, family members lost in attacks, family separation, and destruction of public services. More than 150 women, men, and children participated in Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and the team held key informant interviews with government authorities in the health and social services sectors, community leaders, and community education focal persons. People requested regular humanitarian presence, services, and assistance. Robust protection mainstreaming is needed to ensure safe inclusion and to address pressing protection needs. While an aid distribution took place on 6 September, the northern reaches of Cabo Delgado require sustained protection activities and humanitarian support.
- **UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator and UNHCR Representative undertake joint mission to Cabo Delgado:** The UNHCR Representative and the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator went on a field mission to Cabo Delgado on 26 October to visit UNHCR's field activities and observe the agency's protection services. The RC/HC's visit focused on UNHCR's protection and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) programmes and included a briefing on the mobile legal clinic/access to documentation project in Metuge district, and touring a Protection Hub/Multipurpose Centre and to witness the provision of mental health and psychosocial support to GBV survivors. The UNRC congratulated UNHCR for its work and encouraged its engagement.
- **UNHCR Representative undertakes mission to Corane IDP site, Nampula:** The Representative visited Corane IDP site in Meconta District, Nampula Province on 21 October and saw the proposed multi-purpose centre and the health centre where UNHCR plans Quick Impact Projects. Focus Group Discussions with women and men to understand the IDPs' needs and existing gaps also took place, in which participants highlighted concerns including insufficient income generation opportunities in the site and the need for household items. More than 6,000 IDPs who fled NSAG raids in Cabo Delgado Province are hosted at Corane site.
- **Canadian and Norwegian diplomats visit Ngalane IDP site, Cabo Delgado:** Diplomats from the Canadian and Norwegian embassies visited UNHCR's GBV and Community-Based Protection (CBP) programmes in Ngalane IDP site, Metuge district on 21 October. UNHCR's GBV integrated response, risk reduction, prevention approach, and CBP activities targeting youth and persons with disabilities were reviewed during a discussion at UNHCR's multi-purpose centre along with GBV case management and psychosocial support services availed to survivors. The IDP community raised concerns about the risks they face via a theatrical performance developed to help them cope with the trauma and build community awareness on issues such as early marriage. IDPs also raised their main protection needs with the visitors, noting a high demand for GBV services and significant gaps in the field.



Protection

- **Protection monitoring exercise in Ntele site in Montepuez district and Impire site in Balama district, Cabo Delgado:** During the exercise conducted by UNHCR, the main protection concerns arose from tensions between host and displaced communities due to limited resources available, lack of legal documentation, conflicts among residents around food distributions, limited access to water, education and health services, insecurity caused by the volatile situation, and alleged abuses/extortion by security officials. UNHCR is following up on the concerns together with relevant clusters and local authorities.
- **Post Distribution Monitoring Household Survey in Ntele site, Montepuez, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR and partner Caritas continued the Post Distribution Monitoring Household Survey initiated in mid-September in Ntele site, Montepuez. Caritas data collectors interviewed 384 families, out of which 64 reported protection

incidents, complaints, or requests for information. UNHCR continues digitizing and systematizing the protection incidents reported for follow-up, feedback and service provision, and trend analysis. To reinforce protection incident identification and classification, UNHCR conducted a refresher session with Caritas data collectors. Since the beginning of this survey, Caritas surveyed over 2,000 households representing some 10,000 Mozambicans.



Livelihoods

■ **Technical and Vocational Education (TVET), Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR delivered a training to *Instituto de Formação Profissional e Estudos Laborais Alberto Cassimo* (IFPELAC) and to the *Instituto Nacional de Emprego* (INEP) staff on data collection tools, parameters and sharing on 12 October. Over 13-15 October, UNHCR, IFPELAC and INEP registered 468 youth candidates from displaced and host communities in Pemba for TVET and employability opportunities as part of UNHCR and government institutions joint project. As part of the initiative UNHCR is targeting IDP women for a majority of the available places.



Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

■ **Gender-Based Violence training and early marriage prevention in Ibo District, Cabo Delgado:** UNHCR with other Protection Cluster (PC) members conducted a mission to Ibo District, a hard-to-reach area in Cabo Delgado, over 5 – 7 October to (i) provide training on protection principles, child protection, GBV, and PSEA to 20 people including midwives, community leaders and government staff from Social Assistance and Health departments; (ii) discuss the importance of early marriage prevention with religious leaders, who agreed to verify the ages of couples planning marriages to ensure that no one under 18 is married; and (iii) review the GBV practices that affect girls and women with local midwives, including increasing cases of early pregnancy and sexual abuse related to the presence of military forces, which was alleged by five girls and two women. UNHCR advocates for a scale-up of protection partners in Ibo, as well as the provision of specialized GBV services and outreach campaigns.



Coordination

■ **CCCM strategy for northern Mozambique:** UNHCR finalized the CCCM strategy for northern Mozambique, which aims to ensure the continued technical support to the CCCM cluster, including site management to strengthen community participation, establish coordination structures, and support in capacity-building and preparedness activities. The CCCM cluster mapped 77 IDP settlements in Northern Mozambique - 74 in Cabo Delgado, two in Niassa, and one in Nampula - which host 27 per cent of all IDPs from Cabo Delgado. UNHCR and partner AVSI are reinforcing community participation by establishing site-level committees, site-level coordination, and effective complaint and feedback mechanisms in Ntele and Nicupa settlements in Montepuez District, that host altogether close to 38,000 IDPs.

Financial information

UNHCR's financial requirements for the [refugee and IDP activities in Mozambique](#) in 2021 total **US\$ 25.7 million of which 66 percent has been covered as of end of October**. UNHCR is grateful to donors including Denmark (US\$766,800), ECHO (US\$1.6 million), Sweden (US \$840,000), and the United States of America (US\$7.2 million).

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