

Cabo Delgado

Internal Displacement Response - March 2023

1,028,743ⁱ people are internally displaced in northern Mozambique due to violence perpetrated by non-state armed groups. UNHCR reiterates **concern with the large-scale protection and humanitarian needs** of displaced and host communities.

UNHCR works closely with a wide range of stakeholders, including Government at national, provincial and district levels, humanitarian and development actors, to **support meeting the needs of displaced and host communities**, including families in **return and hard-to-reach areas**.

While a significant number of people remain displaced, over **350,000ⁱ** have returned to their place of origin. UNHCR provides increasingly supports IDP returnees, while stressing the importance that returns are safe, voluntary, conducted with dignity, and based on an informed decision.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS JANUARY - MARCH 2023

-  **1,172** people received civil documentation legal assistance
-  **5,146** families interviewed for protection monitoring
-  **27,940** people reached by protection awareness campaigns
-  **760** trained community mobilizers
-  **278** people supported with livelihood initiatives
-  **1,385** people accessed UNHCR community spaces in sites
-  **289,728** people provided with site management & support services
-  **526** families supported with shelter
-  **2,112** people supported with core relief items
-  **46** people with disabilities received specialized support, including assistive devices and rehabilitation
-  **696** people received mental health and psychosocial support
-  **1,067** complaints and feedbacks collected and referred to service providers
-  **276** women and girls at risk supported with case management
-  **168** partner and government staff trained on multisectoral response

ⁱIOM DTM Northern Mozambique 17th Round on Mobility Tracking Assessment (November 2022)

STORY OF THE MONTH

From displaced to integrated, from beneficiary to mobilizer



A symbolic badge for Antonio (36): Attacks on his hometown Palma on 24 March 2021 forced him to flee to Pemba, where he gradually landed on his feet. Having followed UNHCR and AVSI supported trainings on protection, Antonio now works as a community mobilizer supporting displaced and host communities. Pemba, 24 March 2023 ©L.BOMMERS/UNHCR

DISPLACEMENT TRENDS IN CABO DELGADO AS OF NOVEMBER 2022





Protection

Protection monitoring: UNHCR partner Helpcode conducted protection monitoring in 11 sites, host communities and return locations across four districts in Cabo Delgado (Mueda, Montepuez, Metuge, and Palma), interviewing 3,101 displaced and returned families in order to understand the protection needs, risks, and trends in Cabo Delgado, as well as to identify and refer people with specific needs to services.

Capacity strengthening Together with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNHCR provided a capacity-strengthening session on international protection and identification of refugees/asylum seekers to 11 representatives from the Institute of Legal Sponsorship and Assistance (IPAJ), who work on monitoring detention centers throughout Cabo Delgado.

Civil documentation & legal assistance: UNHCR, together with partner Catholic University of Mozambique (UCM) and working closely with Government authorities, assisted 746 people to reacquire lost or destroyed civil documentation (birth certificates and national IDs) in Eduardo Mondlane neighbourhood, Pemba. Of this total, 638 were displaced people from Mocímbo da Praia, Palma, Quissanga and Macomia, 108 were host community members from Pemba, 16 were people with disabilities, and two received additional legal counselling and/or representation from UCM's on-site lawyers.

Relaunch of the Housing, Land, and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR):

The Housing, Land and Property (HLP) area of responsibility (AoR) of the Protection Cluster was re-launched in Cabo Delgado with the first meeting held in March 2023 where more than 30 organizations participated. The AoR is co-lead by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and UNHCR and provides a platform in which HLP issues in Cabo Delgado can be discussed. The AoR fills an important gap in not only coordinating activities of partners, but also identifying and prioritizing HLP challenges in Cabo Delgado, such as land allocation for IDPs and land re-acquirement when IDPs return to their districts of origin.

Provision of individual rehabilitation services to people with disabilities: UNHCR partner Humanity and Inclusion (HI) conducted follow-up with 92 beneficiaries who received individual rehabilitation devices (wheelchairs and crutches) last year in Pemba, Chiure and Metuge districts. As part of the first implementation phase for 2023, further 28 people were selected to become local facilitators in new project areas (psycho-social support and rehabilitation activists) that would benefit 46 people.

Disability Working Group (DWG): Alongside local the NGO Fórum das Associações Moçambicanas de Pessoas com Deficiência (FAMOD), UNHCR co-chairs the Disability Working Group. During the March session, 16 people from 12 organizations discussed the mapping plan which will feed into a database with information concerning the organization, location, activity, area of activity, focal points and contacts. The service mapping is the first step for consolidating referral pathways focused on people with disabilities and understanding the district's gaps.

Access to protection and resilience activities for people with disabilities in Mueda: UNHCR's partner Humanity and Inclusion's (HI) is implementing a pilot project on permaculture in Mueda benefiting to vulnerable groups of populations, including people with disabilities and older. During March, UNHCR visited Mueda district to monitor the progress of the new activities in Lyanda, Mpeme and Eduardo Mondlane sites, meeting with 39 beneficiary families.

Psychosocial support: UNHCR through partner AVSI, provided psychosocial support through home visits to 85 people of which 60 are people with disabilities in Pemba and Metuge districts and 25 older people. The psychologists who are part of the AVSI team, conducted psycho- and occupational therapy sessions, as well as dissemination of the rights of people with disabilities and older people. Psychosocial support material was delivered to the protection focal points to support recreational activities with the elderly and people with disabilities in Metuge district.

Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms (CFM): UNHCR partner AVSI received 370 complaints and requests for information through complaints and feedback mechanisms that are established in Metuge, Montepuez and Pemba IDP sites. Most complaints and requests for information were related to older people,

children and women at risk. During the reporting period, 105 cases were closed, 58 case were being followed up with.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

First aid care and psychosocial support: UNHCR together with its partners Doctors with Africa (CUAMM) conducted a training for 66 people on first aid care and psychosocial support for volunteer activists in IDP sites in Montepuez and Pemba. The skills transmitted will allow volunteers to support survivors of gender-based violence on mental health first aid care prior to arrival at case management services.

Women's month:

To mark [International Women's Day](#) on 8 March, and Mozambique National Women's Day in early April, UNHCR with partner CUAMM mobilized 60 people to participate in activities around the thematic of empowerment through access to technology. This included cultural activities such as singing and dancing, the projection of films about the history of women in the world of technology, and debates and lectures on gender-based violence.

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

Waste management training: The youth training and innovation centre Yopipila launched a new training cycle on life skills in March that engages on topics such as building a CV and waste recycling. Out of the 40 beneficiaries, half came from displaced communities while the other half were members of the host community. A specific waste management training is being conducted by a women-led national entity called BioMec which uses waste material such as fish nets to produce prosthetics for people with disabilities.

Launch ceremony for IFPELAC: UNHCR supported technical and vocational training centre, IFPELAC, launched a new cohort of 100 students who will follow courses on cooking, plumbing, painting, masonry and cooling and refrigeration. At the same time, 88 students including previous graduates from the UNHCR funded project and government subsidised students have received internship opportunities across a multitude of private entities across Cabo Delgado. Of those, 15 per cent have been formally employed.

Business, entrepreneurship and protection training: 40 young people among displaced (33) and host communities (17) finalised a business and entrepreneurship training conducted by UNHCR through partner AVSI. Referrals were received from protection programs including CUAMM GBV case management and psychosocial support with 11 cases being integrated into the programs: two were referrals from government entities and 38 were previously trained youth from the community-based protection unit which has been trained on human rights.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Community participation in site management: During its monthly meeting with the Site Management Committees (SMC) across the IDP sites of Massingiri, Nicuapa, and Ntele sites in Montepuez district, UNHCR CCCM partner AVSI, followed up on site governance issues and service delivery with community representatives and service providers. The complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFM) system revealed that 70 per cent of 158 requests asked for plastic sheets to cover the shelters during the rainy season and food assistance. In addition to CFM, AVSI also deployed five teams of community mobilizers in each of the three sites of Massingiri, Nicuapa, and Ntele, to disseminate messages on referrals and available services in the sites. The same partner also engaged 29 community representatives, providing them with necessary tools, in clearing grass bushes within the football spaces, allowing the resumption of recreational football events in the sites.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

Shelter construction: In Montepuez, UNHCR partner supported the *mudding* of 15 shelters in Chimoio and one shelter in Ntele Sites. The partner also identified 42 shelters from the 2021 programme in Massingiri site that need maintenance. Material acquisition and mobilization are in an on-going process to start the repair activities. UNHCR is to concede the partner's request for 200 plastic tarpaulins rolls for the implementation of 500 shelters upgrade of UNHCR's 2023 shelter project. In Mueda, UNHCR partner Solidarités International supported the mudding of 245 shelters in Lyanda site. Material acquisition and mobilization are in an on-going process. The practice of *mudding* using matope (red soil mixed with water) –reinforces the shelters, making them stronger and more resilient.

Core Relief Items (CRI) distribution: In Montepuez, UNHCR partner AVSI distributed 763 CRI kits, composed of 1526 sleeping mats, 1526 blankets, 1526 mosquito nets, 763 plastic sheets, 763 kitchen sets, 177 jerrycans, 177 buckets, 763 solar lamps and 763 UNHCR bags. These kits were distributed to 1844 newly arrived internally displaced people from Nairobi in Nicuapa and Ntele sites.

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