

ICRC HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

IN MOZAMBIQUE

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The armed conflict in Cabo Delgado continues to exact a toll on civilians and civilian infrastructure. Humanitarian consequences linked to displacement, the destruction of infrastructure and loss of livelihoods continue. While about 834,000 people are still internally displaced, a total of 1 million people are extremely vulnerable due to the impact of the conflict. Moreover, 420,000 people have returned to their places of origin across the province but find themselves similarly vulnerable to those still internally displaced. They face critical needs for livelihoods, shelter, water, food, and other emergency support.

In May 2023, the ICRC opened its new office in Mueda to bring humanitarian assistance to people affected by the armed conflict in the north of Cabo Delgado and to develop a sustained humanitarian dialogue with weapon bearers there.

Across the province, in the first half of 2023, the ICRC, in collaboration with the Mozambican Red Cross (CVM), provided emergency assistance and livelihood support to help internally displaced people (IDPs) and returnees improve their living conditions. ICRC's systemic approach also helped provide access to healthcare and safe drinking water via the rehabilitation of health structures and water supply networks, benefitting both displaced and host communities.

To promote respect and support of international humanitarian law (IHL), the ICRC engaged with the Mozambican and other defence and security forces, judiciary, governmental authorities, parliamentarians, academics and religious circles, as well as with the National Commission of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. Visits to detainees were carried out in seven prisons and we helped to locate and reunite families separated by the conflict, as well as maintained a protection helpline to support them.



PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Disbursed unconditional cash assistance to 523 vulnerable IDP households (2,615 people) in Marcune IDP site, Montepuez, for them to meet their basic needs.
- Provided essential household items to 2,575 people (515 households) affected by conflict in Nairoto, Montepuez, as well as 100 people (20 households) in the Maringanha area affected by floods in Pemba.
- 200 health staff from 10 health centres attended an ICRC refresher training on Infection Prevention Control (IPC) for cholera.
- More than 30 educational posters were displayed in the waiting rooms of supported health centres for community health education and awareness.
- Supported the formation of 6 emergency relief community committees made up of 85 people in 6 neighborhoods of Mocímboa da Praia.
- In collaboration with community leaders and CVM, distributed essential household items to a total of 17,500 returnees (3,500 households) in Mocímboa da Praia to improve living conditions in places of return.
- Trained 7 CVM volunteers and staff from operational branches in Mocímboa da Praia, Mueda, Montepuez, Pemba and Metuge districts on the rapid emergency assessment and assistance process.
- Supported the capacity building of 43 CVM

volunteers and staff in various emergency assistance activities, including assessments, beneficiary verification, distributions, mobilization and community committee creation, as well as project monitoring.



IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

- Rehabilitated one healthcare centre in Pemba (Chuiba) and completed the second stage of Ibo healthcare centre that upgrades it to a hospital and that will be functioning by the end of 2023.
- Maintained regular support to 11 primary health centres and 1 mobile health unit, and to 13 community health committees in 4 districts of Cabo Delgado (Pemba, Metuge, Montepuez and Ibo).
- The ICRC-supported primary healthcare centres registered a total of 384,257 consultations.
- Donated medical supplies, fuel and infrastructure to Mueda, Montepuez and Pemba hospitals.
- Donated medical and surgical equipment for emergency treatment of those wounded in the conflict to 3 hospitals supported by the ICRC.
- Registered, from the supported activities of these hospitals, 48,763 consultations, among them: 42 referrals of war wounded for surgeries, 2,203 other surgeries and 115 orthopedic interventions.
- Supported blood donation campaigns for supported hospitals in which 542 units of blood were collected.
- Trained 242 people on cholera prevention measures and donated 480 buckets and 680 bars of soap to support the cholera response in the province.
- Conducted 4 First Aid trainings for 80 participants in Pemba (Muxara, Ingonane, Mahate) and Namueto in Montepuez.
- Identified first aid focal points to equip with first aid kits and a monitoring tool. Communities trained by ICRC referred 23 cases to health facilities in Mararange, Nihula, and Chuiba.
- Delivered individual mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to 95 people, and 43 cases were referred to specialized MHPSS assistance.
- Trained 12 CVM volunteers in MHPSS over 41 sessions. They have reached a total of 10,995 beneficiaries in Ibo and Montepuez communities.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION

- Trained 113 people belonging to water committees of which 84 were committee members, 28 local leaders and 1 technician from the district water and infrastructure authority.
- Capacitated 15 volunteers to train 7 new water committees in Montepuez district to support the management of 10 boreholes drilled at 9 IDP resettlement areas.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES SEPARATED BY ARMED CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE

- Conducted family reunifications of 2 minors and 3 vulnerable adults.
- Conducted a Protection of Family Links (PFL) refresher session for 11 CVM volunteers in Ibo, 1 PFL refresher and 1 training on active search conducted for 6 volunteers in Montepuez.
- Supported the recruitment of CVM PFL Officer in Pemba.
- Coached 2 CVM volunteers in Mueda and Mocímboa on PFL follow-up.

VISITING PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

- Visited 7 places of detention in Maputo, Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Manica provinces to support authorities in improving detention conditions, including treatment of detainees.
- Offered PFL services to people deprived of their freedom when relevant, and facilitated their family reunification.
- Donated 26 hygiene kits to released detainees and covered transport costs of 16 others.
- Supported Mieze prison farm in Cabo Delgado through provision of an assortment of vegetable seeds, fertilizer, and farming

tools, to produce 5,000 kg of vegetables to diversify the diets of the detainees.

- Rehabilitated the sewage system and water distribution supply in Mizee prison in Pemba.
- Rehabilitated the kitchen facilities of the women's prison in Pemba.

PROMOTING COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

- Provided legal advice to Mozambican authorities on IHL matters, including operationalization of the Inter-ministerial Commission of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, and the creation of an IHL department within the Ministry of Justice.
- Through the MoU with the Legal and Judicial Training Centre (CFJJ), more than 100 magistrates and legal aid members graduated with an IHL module.
- Co-organized with CFJJ a workshop to review the implementation of IHL in Mozambique.
- Collaborated with the Diplomatic School to include IHL as a mandatory module for under-graduate programs.

ENGAGEMENT WITH ARMED AND SECURITY FORCES

- Trained 705 members of the Local Force in Mueda, Muidumbe and Nangade districts, 43 troops from the Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM), and 620 troops of the Mozambican Armed Forces (FADM) on IHL.
- Trained 298 FADM troops in IHL at Katembe Mavalane air base and Dongo base under the European Union Training Mission (EUTM) and ICRC technical agreement.
- Organised a high-level two-day workshop on IHL for provincial directors and the national directorate of the Criminal Investigation Service (SERNIC).



- Supported authorities' participation at 2 international workshops on IHL.
- Held ICRC week and inaugurated an IHL classroom at Nampula Military Academy, the latter as an ICRC pilot project to FADM training institutions.

WORKING WITH THE MOZAMBIQUE RED CROSS SOCIETY (CVM)

- Organized and supported movement induction and Safer Access trainings for 25 CVM volunteers and 5 board members.
- Conducted regular technical capacity building for volunteers in health, relief and livelihoods assistance, water distribution and PFL.
- Supported the recruitment and coaching of CVM technicians and a PFL officer in health, disaster management, and communication.
- Supported the CVM communication setup. Carried out joint disseminations in communities and trained volunteers in communication.
- Provided visibility items and material support to increase the operationalization of CVM Cabo Delgado and Maputo.



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