

ICRC ACTIVITIES

IN CABO DELGADO, MOZAMBIQUE

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We help people affected by the armed conflict in northern Mozambique, where more than 670,000 people were internally displaced as of the end of 2023 and humanitarian needs remain high. The situation is worsened by the consequences of climate change, which affects food production, livelihoods, access to safe drinking water and infrastructure.

While approximately 570,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) have now returned to their homes, mainly in Mocímboa da Praia, they have found abandoned villages lacking basic services, such as clean drinking water, access to healthcare and livelihoods. Also, families that had been separated by the violence have returned, hoping they can reunite with their loved ones.

The ICRC, working together with the Mozambican Red Cross (CVM), maintained support to internally displaced people (IDPs), and vulnerable host communities with their urgent humanitarian needs, while assisting those returning, helping to build resilience. Emphasis was on livelihoods, essential services and systemic support. To be closer to the affected communities, we opened an office in Mueda.

We also prioritized the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), and maintained dialogue with government and international forces to remind them of their obligations to protect civilians during hostilities.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS



27,620
PEOPLE

received essential household items to restart their lives.



25,000
PEOPLE

received seeds and tools comprising of **12** kg of maize, **10** kg of cowpeas, **3** kg of sesame seeds and **2** hoes each to restart food production.



22,805
PEOPLE

received multipurpose cash assistance for urgent and basic needs.



20
PARTICIPANTS

from CVM (staff and volunteers) and **1** training relay were trained in Assessing Economic Security.



4,200
PEOPLE

received deep sea fishing equipment to resume livelihood activities.



100
PEOPLE

affected by flooding received tarpaulins.



480
BUCKETS

and 680 bars of soap donated for the cholera response in the province.



SEVERAL

community committees were formed in the different districts to register vulnerable returnee, IDP, and host families targeted for relief and livelihood assistance.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION



123,000
PEOPLE

had improved access to clean safe drinking water in Montepuez and Moccimboa da Praia through the rehabilitation of boreholes, drilling and solarization of new boreholes and the upgrading of water systems. Newly drilled boreholes were equipped with submersible pumps, new electrical panels, and accessories to ensure maintenance and sustainability.



8
WATER COMMITTEES

comprising **113** people, including local leaders, were trained to manage the water supply infrastructure built for sustainability. **24** CVM volunteers were capacitated to train **15** water committees in Montepuez and Moccimboa da Praia districts.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



3
HOSPITALS

in Mueda, Montepuez and Pemba were supported with regular donations of medicines, medical supplies and equipment, infrastructure support, blood donation campaigns, and fuel. Mueda hospital operating theatre was rehabilitated.



4,841
SURGERIES

were conducted at ICRC-supported health centres, of which **2,553** were to assist pregnant women and **47** to assist weapon-wounded patients.



1,500
UNITS

of liquid water purifier, **500** kgs of chlorine, six **5,000**-litre water tanks, and **5,000** litres of fuel for transportation were donated to support the provincial cholera response, as well as phone credit and office supplies for treatment centres and food supplies for patients. **2** Land Cruisers were donated to the Ministry of Health for the cholera response.

FIRST AID



329
PARTICIPANTS

from communities affected by the conflict benefitted from **17** first aid training sessions. **41** First Aid focal points were identified, trained and equipped with first aid kits and their activities monitored regularly.



11
HEALTH CENTRES

and **1** mobile health unit in **4** districts of Cabo Delgado (Pemba, Metuge, Montepuez and Ibo) received medical drugs and consumables, as well as technical support. Chuiba Health Centre and Nihula Maternity Ward were rehabilitated and reopened. ICRC-supported health centres brought basic services such as routine immunisation, curative care, antenatal care, family physician, HIV/AIDS consultation, and admission services for deliveries, closer to affected populations.



64,000
PEOPLE

benefited from the construction of health centre waste management systems.



2,132
BLOOD UNITS

were collected at ICRC-supported hospitals.



948,500
CONSULTATIONS

were conducted at ICRC-supported health centres.



13
COMMUNITY

health committees received training, material, equipment, and incentives. **11** health centres and **13** community health centres were sensitized on violence against healthcare providers.



11
DOCTORS

received ultrasound training and **1** doctor attended a war-wounded surgery course facilitated by the ICRC. Training sessions on cholera infection, prevention and control and triage were carried out in the supported health centres.



60
MEMBERS

of the Local Forces and **25** community leaders received basic first aid training and received 2 first aid kits. **177** pre-hospital emergency medical care providers received basic first aid training.



124
INJURED PEOPLE

were properly assisted by ICRC-trained first responders and **1,762** patients were referred from community health facilities in Ibo, Montepuez, Metuge and Pemba districts.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT



15,457
PEOPLE

were sensitized on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) over **742** sessions held by ICRC and CVM volunteers.



242
COMMUNITY HEALTH
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

and **26** CVM volunteers attended training sessions on MHPSS, and session guidelines were produced for the volunteers with criteria for cases in need of urgent care.



63
CASES

were referred to a mental health professional, of which **50** received further consultations with a health service provider. **11** MHPSS practitioners from the Ministry of Health mental health programme in Cabo Delgado were trained over 3-days and **6** supervision sessions conducted for Ministry MHPSS staff on cases.

REUNITING SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS



340
RED CROSS MESSAGES

were exchanged between detainees and their families during ICRC visits to places of detention.



2
MINORS

and **3** vulnerable adults were reunited with their families.



11
CVM VOLUNTEERS

were trained in Protection of Family Links to assist returnee families looking for family members after being separated. **8** volunteers were also trained on active search and follow up of separated families.

ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS



1
NEW OFFICE

in Mueda was opened for proximity to affected communities. **1** Protection line was operational to receive calls related to Protection of Family Links cases and feedback on assistance programmes.



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IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF FREEDOM



32
VISITS

to **7** places of detention were carried out to support authorities to improve detention conditions.



1
NUTRITIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

conducted in places of detention regularly visited by the ICRC.

1 kitchen in Pemba Women's Prison was renovated and a new stove fitted.

6 high quality steel pots donated to support the Mozambican National Prison Service (SERNAP) kitchens.

An assortment of vegetable seeds, fertilizer and farming tools, as well as a motor pump, engine oil and related accessories were donated to boost vegetable production in Mizeze prison.

17 detainees and **3** prison officers at Mizeze prison were trained on vegetable production and good agronomic practices.



45
DIGNITY KITS

were delivered to released detainees. In specific cases, transportation to return to their families was also covered. Material for cholera prevention was donated to the provincial penitentiary system in Cabo Delgado.

ENGAGEMENT WITH ARMED AND SECURITY FORCES



896
MEMBERS

of the Mozambican Defence Forces (FADM) attended sessions on IHL, in addition to **705** members of the Local Forces, and **43** members of the Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM).



1
ICRC WEEK

organised at Nampula Academy with **193** cadets attending IHL sessions focused on ICRC Protection approach and **1** IHL classroom inaugurated with rules of war and history of ICRC in Mozambique on display.



104
MEMBERS

of the Mozambican security forces under the Ministry of the Interior attended **3** sessions on International Human Rights Law. **3** FADM senior officers attended **3** separate international workshops on IHL. **1** FADM senior officer attended the Course for Directors and Instructors in IHL at the San Remo Institute in Italy.



PROMOTING RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

 **318**
MAGISTRATES

were trained in IHL at the Centre of Legal and Judicial Training (CFJJ) with **218** graduating with an IHL module in their curriculum under the joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICRC.

 **1**
WORKSHOP

jointly organised with the CFJJ and the Judiciary on IHL implementation in Mozambique as well as the 3rd annual meeting of the ICRC-supported Inter-Ministerial Commission of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

 **6**
MOZAMBICAN UNIVERSITIES

were supported in IHL training and they participated in the 2nd International Humanitarian Law essay competition.

3 Think-tanks were trained in IHL.
5 sessions were held on introduction to IHL and Islam in Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces.

IMPROVING MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD

 **30**
OFFICIALS

attended **2** basic training sessions on death registration for authorities involved in the management of the dead in Cabo Delgado.

SUPPORTING THE MOZAMBICAN RED CROSS' CAPACITY TO OPERATE

As part of the Partnership Framework Agreement 2023 - 2027 with the Mozambican Red Cross, the ICRC has extended financial and capacity building support to CVM headquarters and Cabo Delgado province branches to cover institutional running costs, trainings, emergency preparedness and response.

 **11**
SAFER ACCESS SESSIONS

were delivered for **121** CVM volunteers from Cabo Delgado province and **5** members of the Provincial Executive Board were trained in the Safer Access Framework.

 **1,170**
BRANDED ITEMS

were donated to CVM volunteers for improved visibility (t-shirts, bibs, raincoats, umbrellas, and water bottles).

 **35**
CVM VOLUNTEERS

attended a Safer Access simulation exercise jointly organized between ICRC and the German Red Cross Society.

 **4**
LAND CRUISERS

as well as **1** Toyota Fortuner and **2** cargo motorcycles were donated for use during CVM operations.

 **10**
CVM STAFF MEMBERS

in key positions received salary support, and **16** provincial executive board members were inducted with ICRC support.






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