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Mozambique

MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION FACTS AND FIGURES

In 2025, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in close partnership with the Mozambican Red Cross Society (CVM), worked tirelessly to address the growing humanitarian needs in Mozambique. Together, we prioritized raising awareness of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and advocating for the protection of civilians affected by the ongoing armed conflict in the northern regions of the country. Our joint efforts aimed to ensure that the principles of humanity and dignity remained at the forefront of all humanitarian action, even in the most challenging circumstances.

The armed conflict in Cabo Delgado continued to displace thousands of people, with the majority of those affected being women and children. Many families fled their homes in search of safety, while others returned to areas still grappling with instability. In response, the ICRC and CVM provided critical assistance in districts across Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces. Emergency aid included essential household items (EHIs), hygiene kits, and medical supplies, as well as seeds and agricultural tools to help families rebuild their livelihoods. However, the volatile security situation often made it too dangerous to reach some of the most vulnerable communities, leaving certain areas without the support they urgently needed. Despite these constraints, we remained committed to doing everything possible to assist those we could safely reach.

The strength of our impact in Mozambique in 2025 was a direct result of the collaboration between the ICRC and the Mozambican Red Cross Society. Together, we combined our expertise, resources, and local knowledge to deliver critical humanitarian assistance and protection to those who needed it most. Beyond providing aid, we invested in strengthening CVM's capacity to respond to humanitarian needs. This included training, technical support, and joint operations, enabling CVM to play a central role in delivering assistance and protection to affected communities.

In parallel, the ICRC continued its confidential dialogue with detaining authorities to ensure that detainees were treated humanely and in accordance with international standards. We provided support to improve prison conditions, helping to ensure that detainees' basic needs were met and that they were treated with dignity and respect. In addition, vulnerable detainees in the places of detention (PoDs) we visited were able to maintain or restore contact with their families through phone calls and the exchange of Red Cross messages, offering them a vital connection to their loved ones during difficult times.

The humanitarian challenges in Mozambique in 2025 were immense, but the partnership between the ICRC and the Mozambican Red Cross Society was instrumental in delivering meaningful assistance and protection. By working together, we not only addressed immediate needs but also laid the groundwork for a stronger and more resilient local humanitarian response. As we continue our work, we remain committed to adapting to the realities on the ground and to alleviating suffering, promoting resilience, and upholding the dignity of those affected by conflict in Mozambique.

Improving conditions for people deprived of liberty

5,700
detainees

from 5 places of detention visited by the ICRC received personal hygiene item kits.

4,900
kilograms

of assorted vegetables were harvested at Mizee prison farm and distributed to 3 places of detention.

146
prison staff

were trained on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Mandela Rules).

425 packages of assorted vegetables seeds were donated to Mizee prison farm in the 2025/2026 agricultural season.

28 complete kits of seeds and tools were donated to Mizee prison farm to promote winter cropping.

100 Kg of fertilizers were distributed to places of detention under the National Prison Service (SERNAP).

Mizee prison's irrigation system was rehabilitated, resuming operations after the destruction caused by Cyclone Chido.

Improvement of kitchen and water supply facilities at Chimoio regional prison commenced.

2 staff from SERNAP were sponsored to attend the regional detention infrastructure workshop in Namibia.

105 messages of family news were shared on behalf of detainees.

18 former-detainees received post-release assistance upon referral from SERNAP.

14 detainees and 6 officers from SERNAP were trained on good agricultural production practices.

Emergency assistance and sustainable solutions

6,500
families

received seeds and tools for the 2025/2026 agricultural season in Muidumbe and Metuge districts.

614 IDP families in Metuge received both EHI and hygiene kits to improve their living conditions.

2,370
farmers

received sweet potato cuttings and cassava branches for cultivation in Mueda district.

21,600
families

received hygiene kits in 3 districts. The kits comprised of 5 soap bars, 6 kg of detergent, 5 units of chlorine solution for water purification, 1 jerrycan, and 1 plastic wash basin.

2,000 families received fishing kits for livelihood support in Paquitequete neighborhood in Pemba.



F. Bate/ICRC

Collaboration between the ICRC and CVM is essential to ensure a rapid and effective humanitarian response. Thousands of displaced, resident, and returning families in Muidumbe received assistance.

Supporting the Mozambican Red Cross' capacity to operate

11,250
people

from Chiúre district received hygiene kits as part of the CVM and the ICRC's Cyclone Chido emergency response.

1,800
hygiene kits

were donated to CVM Nampula to support their emergency response to assist IDPs.

800
families

in Erati, Nampula received EHI kits to improve their living conditions.

420
volunteers

from northern Mozambique received training on Communicating about the Movement, Safer Access, Disaster Risk Management Response, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in emergencies, First Aid, and Restoration of Family Links (RFL).

33
CVM staff

from headquarters and Cabo Delgado were trained in Finance and Logistics as well as Operational Communication.

120
bicycles

and 2 vehicles were donated to CVM to support volunteer mobility and operations.



One of the humanitarian consequences of the armed conflict is the shortage of essential services. In Mocímboa da Praia, 6,000 people who returned to their areas of origin now have better access to clean water.

A. Mulua/ICRC

Improving Access to Water and Sanitation

6,000

people

were able to access safe water after 12 handpumps were rehabilitated, while 15 local water committee members were trained on how to maintain them.

20,000

people

had their food production capacity improved after the installation of 1 drip irrigation system.

4

health centers

received support to improve their roof structures to strengthen non-infectious waste management, improving healthcare service conditions.

Improving Access to Primary Healthcare

6,000 people had their access to healthcare improved after 1 health centre was extended and rehabilitated.

4 health centers benefitted from the rehabilitation of sterilization areas and installation of autoclaves.

14 community health supervisors trained by the ICRC in turn capacitated 161 health community members

408,000

antenatal and postnatal

consultations were conducted at ICRC-supported PHCs.

7 health facilities received drugs and disposables bi-monthly, covering approximately 251,900 affected people.

1,600 patients from the 7 health centres directly supported by the ICRC were referred to the district referral hospitals of Mueda and Mocímboa da Praia.

Engagement with the Armed and Security Forces

300 members of Mozambican Armed Defense Forces (FADM) were trained on IHL in Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Maputo provinces.

190 members of the Mozambican Republic Police (PRM) were trained on IHL/International Human Rights Law (IHRL) in Maputo and Cabo Delgado.

2 IHL classrooms equipped with publications were established at 2 FADM training institutions to support integration of IHL.

1 senior military participated in an IHL peer-to-peer seminar in Pretoria, South Africa.

3 cadets and 1 officer from the FADM Military Academy participated in an IHL competition for Military Academies in Sanremo, Italy.

1 senior Mozambican police officer participated with ICRC support in the Senior Workshop on International Rules Governing Police Officers (SWIRPO) held in Bogotá, Colombia.

1 senior military officer participated in the Workshop on International Rules Governing military operations (SWIRMO) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Promoting Respect for IHL

30 members of the judiciary, in Cabo Delgado, received briefings to strengthen their knowledge of IHL in Cabo Delgado.

30 new members of Parliament were trained on IHL in Maputo.

35 representatives of the 6 top-ranked Mozambican universities participated in an IHL moot court in Maputo.



Mrs Rabia is part of more than 500 families, assisted by ICRC, living in a accommodation centre in Mocimboa da Praia, having fled home due to the armed conflict.






F. Bata/ICRC

Internally displaced families leave after receiving seeds and tools to improve their living conditions in Muidumbe district.

Since 1863, the ICRC works to relieve suffering and preserve human dignity during war and armed violence. We deliver vital aid without discrimination and reconnect families alongside our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners.

Engaging with all sides and armed forces, often confidentially, we advocate for detainees' humane treatment and urge compliance with international humanitarian law to protect civilians on the ground and online.

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