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## **MOZAMBIQUE: Facts and figures 2017**

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is active in Mozambique and working closely with the Mozambique Red Cross Society (CVM) to assist communities affected by armed violence. It maintains a dialogue with public authorities, armed groups and communities so that it can reach the most vulnerable with assistance and interventions that protect their lives and dignity.

The ICRC mission in Mozambique has two main offices in Maputo and Beira. The mission is part of the ICRC's regional delegation for Southern Africa responsible for ICRC activities in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's humanitarian action in Mozambique in 2017.

### **IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS, ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND SAFE WATER FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY ARMED VIOLENCE**

In 2017, the ICRC in partnership with the Mozambique Red Cross Society (CVM):

- Distributed essential household goods, farming tools and agricultural inputs to 91,600 people displaced by armed violence in Manica and Sofala Provinces;
- Rehabilitated 3 clinics in Bárue and Gorongosa districts, improving access to health care for 74,000 people;
- Repaired 2 ambulances to support health outreach activities, benefitting 74,000 people in Gorongosa and Bárue districts;
- Provided access to safe drinking water to 36,000 people by repairing or drilling 36 hand-pumps in Bárue, Gorongosa and Maringuè districts as well as rehabilitating a small water supply system at Piro Health Centre, Gorongosa District;
- Donated 1 motorbike to the Gorongosa District Service of Planning and Infrastructure to facilitate access of technicians to the villages to assist water committees in maintenance of hand-pumps.

### **RESTORING FAMILY LINKS**

- Eight refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo residing in Mozambique received ICRC travel documents to travel and resettle in Ireland.
- Three families in Mozambique re-established contact with their relatives in Burundi and Ethiopia.

### **ENGAGING POLICY MAKERS, PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF POLICING**

To access and protect vulnerable people affected by armed violence and promote knowledge and respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) and international rules and standards of policing, the ICRC:

- Engaged in a dialogue on IHL and international standards of policing, as well as promoted awareness and knowledge of the ICRC's neutral, independent and impartial

humanitarian action with key stakeholders in the Ministries of Defence, Interior and Foreign Affairs;

- Conducted an IHL dissemination sessions for 73 people at Higher Defence Studies Institute of Mozambique
- Conducted two trainings for Station Commanders and Deputy Station Commanders of the Police of the Republic of Mozambique (PRM) deployed in Manica, Sofala, Tete and Zambezia provinces on international rules and standards for policing.

## **PARTNERSHIP WITH CVM**

The ICRC and CVM responded together to the humanitarian consequences of the armed violence in Gorongosa District by:

- Training 20 CVM volunteers from the central provinces of Mozambique on Safer Access Framework (SAF), which covers actions and measures to increase access and security to reach communities in need;
- Conducting a training on Restoring Family Links for CVM volunteers active at Maratane refugee camp in Nampula province;
- Running a SAF and governance induction training for newly elected members of the CVM National Executive Council.