



Humanitarian Action for Children

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Mozambique (Cabo Delgado Crisis)

Cabo Delgado, in northern Mozambique, has been experiencing recurrent attacks by Non-State Armed Groups since October 2017 resulting in severe humanitarian impacts. The attacks started in Mocimboa da Praia expanding gradually to eight districts. The situation has deteriorated seriously in the last six months of 2020 resulting in total cumulative of 493 violence events and 1,495 reported fatalities¹.

Over 250,000² people displaced (IDPs) in the 17 districts of the province and about 40% are children. IDPs moved to neighboring provinces of Nampula and Niassa too and most of them are living in host families. Public and private buildings were destroyed, basic services such as water (175,800 people³ lack access to safe water), health (25% of health facilities⁴ are not operational), education services (18% school network⁵ destroyed) in the northern province have closed/relocated elsewhere leaving thousands in heightened vulnerability especially children, and persons with disabilities, who usually face barriers like inaccessible facilities and information, loss of assistive devices and discrimination. About 10 districts⁶ are not accessible due to insecurity situation.

There are increasing reports of human and child rights violations such as killings and maiming, abductions and abuse of girls and women. Funding is urgently required to provide timely humanitarian assistance to the IDPs, host families and population that was not able to move from affected areas.

Humanitarian strategy

The deterioration of the insecurity situation in Cabo Delgado triggered the development of an 8-month Rapid Response Plan of US\$35.5 million by the Humanitarian Country Team to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to affected population. Aligned with the RRP, UNICEF is implementing a multisectoral response to provide immediate emergency assistance to IDPs, host communities and children in need as well as to address disease outbreaks detected in the province mainly cholera, measles and malaria. Access constraint, limited partner capacity, short duration of the appeal and COVID-19 limited the 2020 targeting which will be more ambitious in 2021. Priority interventions include provision of critical supplies, strengthening the provision of basic services on health, nutrition, education, child protection, WASH, capacity building of provincial and district authorities. UNICEF will prioritize the prevention of GBV, PSEA in IDP population and host communities. UNICEF has presence in Cabo Delgado and Nampula with capacity to achieve the planned results for children. For the inaccessible areas, wherever possible, UNICEF will establish partnerships with organizations with capacity to operate in such areas. All actions will be coordinated with the Government and through the cluster mechanism, with UNICEF leading the WASH, education, nutrition clusters and child protection area of responsibility.

Results from 2020

As of 31 August 2020, UNICEF received about US\$ 3.5 million to support the response in Cabo Delgado. UNICEF constructed 60 emergency latrines and bathing units in accommodation centers, distributed household water treatment chemicals to 20,000 households in response to the cholera outbreaks, is distributing hygiene NFIs to IDP households in more accessible districts. On Education, UNICEF distributed to districts Education Services in accessible areas 170 school in box kits, leaner kits to 15,403 students and 600 tarpaulins for temporary learning spaces. In Cabo Delgado, UNICEF CP counts with two implementing partners and is finalizing negotiations with the third partner to cover 5 districts and directly reach 7,000 children with appropriate case management and psycho social support. In rolling out UNICEF's procedure for managing sexual exploitation and abuse in implementing partners a total of 10 implementing partners with 23 staff have been trained on PSEA. UNICEF through the Government social protections system will reach 7,000 households prioritizing the IDPs and first payments are expected to initiate early in September. With UNICEF support, 22,283 children were screened for acute malnutrition and received supplementation with Vitamin A

Total people in need

712,000⁷

Total children (<18) in need

363,120⁸

Total people to be reached

168,964⁹

Total children to be reached

110,500¹⁰

2020¹¹ programme targets

Nutrition

- 46,000 children 6-59 months screened for acute malnutrition and received routine vitamin A supplementation
- 87,000 primary caregivers of children 0-23 months reached with messages on IYCF

Health

- 90,000 children under 15 years vaccinated against measles
- 75,000 people received mosquito nets

WASH

- 50,000 people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene
- 50,000 people with access to appropriate sanitation through supporting households constructing or rebuilding their latrines

Child protection

- 9,000 children who have access to psycho social support through child-friendly spaces and schools
- 100,000 children (re)issued with birth registration

Education

- 36,500 children (6-15 years old) accessing education through temporary learning solutions
- 7,300 children (3-5 years old) accessing play-based learning

Social Protection

- 11,000 households reached with humanitarian cash transfers

Communication for Development

- 467,400 people reached with key life saving and behavior change messages

	2020 Cluster targets	Sector total results ⁱ	2020 UNICEF targets	UNICEF total results
NUTRITION				
Children 6-59 months screened for acute malnutrition and received routine vitamin A supplementation	46,000	22,283	46,000	22,283
Primary caregivers of children 0-23 months reached with messages on IYCF	87,000	19,233	87,000	19,233
HEALTH				
Children under 15 years vaccinated against measles	N/A	N/A	90,000	0,00
People received mosquito nets (2 mosquito net per family)	N/A	N/A	75,000	15,000
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE				
People with access to sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene	90,000	12,500	50,000	7,356
People with access to appropriate sanitation through supporting households constructing or rebuilding their latrines	90,000	10,500	50,000	9,500
CHILD PROTECTION				
Children who have access to psycho social support through child-friendly spaces and schools	12,000	4,622	9,000	4,622
Children (re)issued with birth registration	100,000	0,00	100,000	0,00
EDUCATION				
Children (6-15 years old) accessing education through temporary learning solutions	56,000	0,00	36,500	0,00 ⁱⁱ
Children (3-5 years old) accessing play-based learning	N/A	N/A	7,300	0,00
SOCIAL POLICY				
Households reached with humanitarian cash transfers	N/A	N/A	11,000	0,00
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT				
People reached with key life-saving and behavior change messages (on health, nutrition, safe and appropriate sanitation, hygiene practices and HIV prevention and treatment seeking; and prevention of VAC and PSEA)	N/A	N/A	467,400	0,00

ⁱ In 2019, the CO did not have standalone HAC for Cabo Delgado. Included in the Results figures progress recorded so far in 2020 for the response to Cabo Delgado situation.

ⁱⁱ Due to COVID-19, as of 15 September there were no classes as per the emergency declaration by the Government

Funding requirements

UNICEF is requesting US\$11.1 million to meet the humanitarian needs of people affected and displaced by the ongoing conflict in Cabo Delgado province whose impact has extended to the neighboring province of Nampula. Without adequate and timely funding, UNICEF and its partners will not be able to provide critical support on health, nutrition, WASH, child protection, education and social protection needs of vulnerable women and children of Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces.

Sector	2020 Requirement (US\$) ¹²
Nutrition	1,143,072
Health	1,376,352
Water, sanitation and hygiene	2,533,607
Child protection	1,813,752
Education	1,573,822
Social Protection	2,239,488
C4D	373,248
Total	11,053,341

¹ <https://acleddata.com/2020/08/19/cabo-delgado-weekly-10-16-august-2020/>

² IOM-DTM assessment as of June 2020

³ Cabo Delgado Provincial Directorate of Public Works, Housing and Water resources

⁴ Cabo Delgado Health provincial directorate (DPS)

⁵ Cabo Delgado Education Provincial Directorate

⁶ As per UNDSS movement restrictions in the province

⁷ Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 'Mozambique: Rapid Response Plan, Cabo Delgado province, OCHA, May-December 2020.

⁸ Estimated from the PIN applying the 51% as % of children in population (as per the 2017 census projection).

⁹ The number of people to be reached was estimated based on the highest number of people targeted by different services and the sum of the seven provinces targeted. This figure includes 81,103 men/boys and 87,861 women/girls. (2017 census)

¹⁰ The number of children to be reached was calculated based on the highest number of children who benefited from different services. Based on the comparison, birth registration and measles vaccination have the highest targets. This figure includes 53,040 boys and 57,460 girls.

¹¹ UNICEF 2020 targets are aligned with the Rapid Response Plan (RRP) for Cabo Delgado developed by HCT which targets 50% of the PIN and the overall target of UNICEF is about 48% of the RRP. For 2021 HAC, UNICEF will aim for more needs-based targeting.

¹² The funding requirements for Education, Child Protection are higher than those in the RRP given the fact that the situation has deteriorated by the time the RRP was developed till now. IDPs are increasing in numbers and geographical locations, having now two additional provinces Nampula and Niassa. Costs related to specialized Human resources were also not considered in RRP.

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