Context

For the past century, thousands of men have been leaving their homes in the southern Mozambique province of Gaza to seek employment in South Africa's mines. Often, several generations of the same family would become migrant mine workers, spending months on end in South Africa and returning home only for the Christmas and Easter holidays.

Miners would work long hours in confined, humid and poorly ventilated conditions, which further increases the risk of TB and other lung diseases. In addition, prevalence of HIV/TB co-infection among mine workers in South Africa is one of highest in the world, which calls for the need to implement awareness-raising and prevention campaigns among both migrant mine workers and their communities of origin.

The Healthy Holidays Campaign 2016-17

Held in three fixed sites—Chicumbane Hospital, the Association of Traditional Healers (AMETRAMO), and the Employment Bureau for Africa (TEBA)—the third edition of the Healthy Holidays campaign targeted mine workers returning home for the holidays, their families and other migration affected community members. From December 19th 2016 to January 5th 2017, it provided TB screening and testing, HIV voluntary counselling and testing, family planning services and legal counselling on possible compensation to mineworkers, who contracted TB as a result of working in mines, blood pressure monitoring and blood glucose control.

This was the first time IOM partnered with the private sector (TEBA) in the campaign and it helped boost the reach of the campaign to a larger audience of mine workers. Moreover, upon discussion with local authorities concerning the activities of the campaign, it was agreed to include child birth registration services targeting unregistered mineworkers’ children, adding a more holistic approach to the campaign.

Results of the 2016-17 Campaign

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2,127 (40.9%) 3,074 (59.1%)

501 Newly registered children in school age (5-8) who will not miss a school year due to the lack of a birth certificate needed for enrollment
**The Holiday Campaign Numbers**

Over 10,370 migrants and families reached between December 2015 and January 2017

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**Voices from the Field**

“The campaign held at the TEBA office has been very positive as it helps mine workers, coming initially to access other TEBA services, to receive information on health and social protection services that they would otherwise not have easy access to.”

Fortunato Zacarias, TEBA Senior Coordinator in Mozambique

“Right now, IOM is the only organization working during these holiday period to reach the mine workers”

Alice Sitoe, Head of the Department of Public Health Education at Provincial Health Directorate of Gaza Province

“Other [mine workers] say they can’t test [for HIV] because they might become stressed to know they are on death row. Getting infected doesn’t mean dying right away, so I’d like to call on others to do the test too.”

“I’m here with my husband, so I wanted to do the tests too. He told me he can do it in South Africa too, but [having the campaign here] is very good so I can also know of my serological status.”

Mine worker Castelo Muholove, 51, and his wife, Dinéria Sive, attended the campaign and tested together

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**See also in the Media:**

- Campanha “férias saudáveis” será repetida na Páscoa (“Healthy Holidays to be repeated in Easter,” in English). Access from: [https://goo.gl/BBV1h2](https://goo.gl/BBV1h2)

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**Stay tuned!**

The next holiday campaign is planned to take place during Easter Holidays!