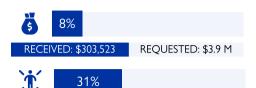


# MOZAMBIQUE CRISIS

ESCALATING VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE AND TROPICAL STORM FILIPO SITUATION REPORT #2 15 MARCH 2024

## FUNDING OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS



ASSISTED: 33,337 TARGETED: 105,000

161,010 Individuals

Newly affected by the conflict and tropical storm

Filipo across the country

The humanitarian crisis in Mozambique is deteriorating with renewed escalation of the conflict in the northern provinces and recurring disasters related to natural hazards in central and southern provinces. With a pre-existing caseload of 709,529 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and 632,408 returnees, recent sporadic attacks in Northern Mozambique and the aftermath of Cyclone Filipo have exacerbated the situation, impacting more than 160,000 individuals (IOM DTM).



Megaruma Displacement Site in Chiure District. © IOM 2024

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

#### CONFLICT IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE

The conflict in Cabo Delgado province has escalated since the start of 2024. According to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Emergency Tracking Tool (4 March), since 22 December 2023, a total of 112,894 people have been displaced due to violence. This is the second largest displacement since the Palma attacks in 2021. Attacks were reported in Mecufi, Macomia and Chiure Districts, with the highest number of displacements being recorded in Chiure District, with over 90,000 individuals displaced, both within and outside of the province.

Following the attacks in Chiure District, 32,763 people fled to Chiure Sede while over 45,000 people fled towards Erati District, Nampula Province. Other districts in Cabo Delgado

A multisector assessment is still ongoing in Machanga district, which was been significantly affected by Tropical Storm Filipo. © IOM 2024

Province such as Mecufi, Muidumbe, Mueda, Montepuez, Ibo and Cidade de Pemba, are also hosting recently displaced IDPs.

Displacement dynamics have been very fluid due to security conditions, the lack of assistance, and family separation. According to <u>IOM DTM</u>, displaced families are gradually moving to various locations within Cabo Delgado and the needs for assistance are very high. The security situation remains unstable, while the presence of Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG) and dynamic movements pose significant challenges to the provision of humanitarian assistance.

Newly displaced families are mostly being hosted by local communities, while a smaller number of families are living in public buildings centres, spontaneous settlements and displacement sites.

#### TROPICAL STORM FILIPO

On March 12 2024, Tropical Storm Filipo made landfall in Mozambique. While the storm exited the Mozambique coastline on 13 March, lingering rains are affecting the coastal regions of Maputo and Gaza Provinces, accompanied by winds up to 120 km/h, damaging houses and infrastructures across the provinces.

As of 15 March, the Mozambique's National Institute for Disaster Management (INGD) estimated than more than 48,000 people have been affected by Tropical Storm Filipo, with houses totally or partially destroyed and over 200 classrooms damaged.



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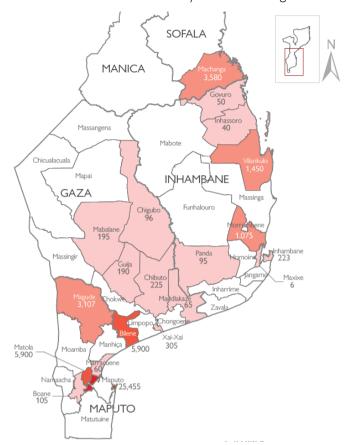
The most urgent needs reported by Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the centres are shelter, non-food items (NFIs), food and health services (IOM/DTM Accommodation Centres Dashboard, 14 March 2024).

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Trajectory of Tropical Storm Filipo (IOM DTM)

Ongoing joint multisectoral assessments with INGD and humanitarian partners are monitoring the needs of affected populations in the region. The numbers of affected families, damaged houses and infrastructure are expected to increase as assessments continue amid heavy rain and strong winds.



Affected population by district (IOM DTM, 14 March)

### **IOM RESPONSE**

#### CONFLICT IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE

IOM has been providing immediate multisectoral response to communities affected by the recent displacements in Cabo Delgado and Nampula, including Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Shelter, Health, Protection-Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and DTM.

Displacement sites and host communities are receiving new arrivals and IOM teams are working with local authorities in the registration of newly arrived individuals, allocation of shelters, coordination and monitoring of service delivery, and improvement of communal infrastructure.

Since February 2024, IOM, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and the World Food Programme (WFP) assisted jointly 3,237 families with food, NFIs and hygiene kits through the established Joint Response Programme (JRP). IOM mobilized Non Food Items (NFIs) stocks from the Common Shelter and NFI pipeline of the Shelter Cluster, however some items are depleted, while others are critically low.



JRP distribution in Nacivare neighbourhood in Chiure District © IOM 2024



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PSEA awareness with group of women in Chiure District © IOM 2024

IOM has deployed integrated Health and MHPSS teams to expand the capacities of its mobile clinics. Those are also combined with distribution of water purifiers and hygiene promotion hygiene promotion, in light of ongoing conjunctivitis and cholera outbreaks. The expansion of mobile services is a high priority based on assessed needs and essential to the prevention of disease outbreaks.

IOM DTM teams play a key role in coordinating with local authorities on data collection and analysis, including the deployment of Mobility Tracking Assessments, Intention surveys and Registration, tracking movements trends and understanding the most urgent needs of IDPs and communities hosting them.

Since the escalation of the displacement in Cabo Delgado, IOM has provided support to 33,377 recently displaced individuals in Cabo Delgado (Chiure, Macomia, Metuge, Mecufi, Muidumbe Districts) and Nampula (Erati District) Provinces.

#### TROPICAL STORM FILIPO

The scale of the damage spans across four main provinces - Gaza, Inhambane, Maputo and Sofala. Access to the affected provinces remains challenging though IOM, government authorities and partners have deployed its teams where possible.

IOM teams are assisting with assessments across the provinces of Sofala, Gaza and Inhambane. IOM DTM and CCCM teams were deployed and are closely supporting the government on information management related to the new displacements and coordination of the response.

344 shelter-NFI kits were dispatched to assist the first families impacted by the Tropical Storm in Machanga district, Sofala province. More distributions will be carried out in the following days. Most of the items needed by the affected population include shelter toolkits, solar lights, roof sheets and fixing items but they are not available as stocks from the Common Pipeline have been depleted due the deterioration of the conflict in the North.

Since December 2022, Mozambique has experienced cholera outbreaks in central and northern parts of the country which have been spreading rapidly into new districts. Tropical storms,

heavy rainfall and displacement exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and impede the ongoing outbreak response.

IOM has extensive experience providing multi-sectoral assistance to respond to urgent needs of populations affected by conflict and disasters across Mozambique. IOM is also deploying holistic efforts to enable communities affected by displacement to attain solutions, and build their resilience, including to future climatic shocks. IOM requires additional funds to mobilize and respond to the sudden increase of needs the country.



IOM Shelter NFIs prepositioned at Beira warehouse transported to assist families in Sofala Province © IOM 2024

IOM is currently providing a first-line response to newly displaced families and managing an increasing caseload. IOM has asked for \$43 million as part of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), which requires a total of \$413 million. However, only 15% of the amount requested by IOM has been funded at present. IOM needs additional \$3.9 million to provide life-saving assistance to address the sudden increase in needs resulting from the conflict escalation and Tropical Storm Filipo's impact, benefiting a total of 105,000 affected individuals.

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