



# Emergency Response

Embassy of Switzerland, Humanitarian Aid Unit Mozambique

## Integrated Emergency Response to IDP and Host Communities in Cabo Delgado



**To counter the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Cabo Delgado Province, in Northern Mozambique, Switzerland supports the provision of basic services in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and ensures the construction of resilient infrastructure, thus improving the living conditions of displaced people and host communities.**

### Background

Since 2017, the province of Cabo Delgado in Northern Mozambique has experienced attacks by armed groups causing around 800'000 people to be internally displaced. In 2019, cyclone Kenneth heavily hit Cabo Delgado adding stress to an already complex situation. A significant increase in violence and displacement of people occurred at the end 2020.

The internally displaced population (IDP) put a tremendous strain on the already weak health and water system. Cholera is endemic and health services are limited, making adequate water, sanitation and hygiene services even

more crucial. The affected provinces are economically weak and government and humanitarian actors struggle to respond adequately.

An estimated 85% of the 800'000 IDPs are currently settled in host communities, while the others live in IDP temporary camps. As a consequence, all aspects of everyday life are heavily affected by the massive influx of new residents. Service providers struggle to respond, thus increasing the already existing shortage, especially in health and WASH.

The current overall humanitarian response is significantly underfunded. As a consequence implemented solutions are often below standard (minimum SPHERE standards).

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### Goal

Contribute to address the most urgent needs and improve access to basic services for crisis-affected communities (internally displaced populations, returnees and host communities) in transit/relocation sites and newly accessible areas of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique

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### Outcomes (objectives) of the planned phase

Newly displaced/returned/on the move populations are able to meet their immediate basic needs

The affected population has an improved and sustainable access to water, hygiene, sanitation, shelter and non-food items (NFI)

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### Expected results

Newly-displaced/returned/on the move targeted populations in transit/relocation sites and newly accessible areas benefit from emergency assistance in food, shelter, non-food items and WASH services.

Targeted affected populations in Mueda and Nangade districts benefit from support for sustainable solutions in water, sanitation and hygiene, Shelter and non-food items

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## Approach

This humanitarian interventions will focus on basic services in WASH, Shelter, NFI's and food to alleviate the situation of the target population in two of the most affected districts Mueda and Nangade, targeting returnees, IDPs and host communities in these newly accessible districts following the military security operations. The selection of beneficiaries goes through the validation of the local official and traditional authorities in coordination with the relevant clusters, which coordinate and harmonize interventions in different sectors. The cluster system ensures proper alignment with the Humanitarian Response Principles (HRP) and the government priorities, and the respect of humanitarian principles, i.e. impartiality.

This approach is designed to support vulnerable households affected by the conflict in the volatile context of the Cabo Delgado crisis. Switzerland adapts her intervention to each situation on the ground to deliver emergency response and sustainable solutions. The immediate WASH response to affected population on the move and the implementation of sustainable services to affected population regardless of their status (host communities, resettlement sites), mitigates the risks of conflict between communities over access to humanitarian assistance.

In addition, this intervention applies a protection mainstreaming approach across the overall response to ensure the safety of people accessing Sanitary Infrastructures (SI) services. Particular attention is paid to the identification of the most vulnerable population, the design and construction of safe and accessible water and sanitation infrastructure for all and the adaptation of distributions and hygiene promotion sessions to specific needs.

In terms of sectors, SDC provides (through its implementing partners) comprehensive support in 3 areas:

1. Emergency WASH and multi-sectoral survival kits response to people on the move (new displacement or returnees);
2. Emergency WASH and basic kits provision in newly accessible areas to returnees and settled population;

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<sup>1</sup> The Sphere standards are a set of minimum humanitarian principles and standards that apply to humanitarian response. Source: <https://spherestandards.org/>

3. Improvement of WASH conditions in host communities and existing resettlement sites;

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## Target groups

The target groups of this intervention are IDPs in temporary camps, returnees and people who remained in the newly accessible areas that are in need of immediate emergency assistance; IDPs in resettlement camps and host communities.

In total around 32'050 women, men and children will benefit from improved access to water, sanitation and/or hygiene, 11'500 IDPs will receive non-food-items and/or survival kits, and 6'075 will benefit from improved shelter.

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## Project at a glance

### Project title

IDP Emergency Response in Cabo Delgado

### Duration and Total Budget

15.11.2021-15.08.2022: contribution CHF 800'000 of CHF 1'610'000 Total Budget

### Implementing Agencies

Solidarités International

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## Project Coordination

WASH Cluster, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, Disaster Management Institute (INGD), other international non-governmental organisations (INGO) emergency intervention projects (e.g. Doctors without Borders, Help Code)

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