

UNHCR Operation In Mozambique

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UNHCR OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Upon the request of the Minister of Interior, UNHCR carried out a physical verification exercise in Maratane, Nampula and Maputo of asylum-seekers whose cases are pending endorsement by the Minister and submission to the National Eligibility Committee (CCR). In June, the CCR is to hold two sessions for the first time since 2012 to adjudicate cases of 843 persons.
- In June, UNHCR together with IOM organized a National Consultation on Mixed Migration as a preparation to the 2014 MIDSA.
- At the request of the authorities, UNHCR conducted Code of Conduct session on 20-21 May for all governmental and operational partners in Nampula and Maratane including refugee leaders and refugee camp management teams.
- In May 2014, WFP conducted jointly with UNHCR a Cash and Voucher Feasibility Study. At the same time an external evaluation of the WFP project on *Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation* including in Maratane camp has been completed. Preliminary results confirm its appropriateness to address food security needs of the refugee population.

Refugees and asylum seekers

Mozambique hosts 15,940 persons of concern: 4,462 refugees & 11,478 asylum-seekers.

Country of Origin	Total of Persons of Concern	Camp-based	New Arrivals Jan-Jun 2014
DRC	8,038	5,673	372
Burundi	4,124	1,941	151
Rwanda	1,667	363	23
Somalia	1,961	445	230
Ethiopia	25	8	2
Others	125	45	15
TOTAL*	15,940	8,475	793

*Source: Population statistics compiled 21-06-14..

Working with Partners

▪ Instituto Nacional de Apoio aos Refugiados - INAR	Protection, Camp Management, Watsan
▪ Min. of Interior	Status Determination, Documentation
▪ Min. of Health	Health, Nutrition, HIV/AIDS
▪ Min. of Education	Primary and Secondary Education
▪ Min. of Labour (INEFP)	Vocational Training
▪ Min. for Social Action and Women Empowerment	Assistance to Persons with Specific Needs, SGBV
▪ Min. of Agriculture	Crop production, animal husbandry, forestry
▪ World Food Programme	Food Assistance
▪ IOM	Mixed Migration, Resettlement, Voluntary Repatriation
▪ Scalabrini Fathers and ASA / CAFOD	Supplementary Feeding
▪ CEMIRDE	Counselling and Legal Assistance

Statelessness

UNHCR continues its advocacy effort with the Government of Mozambique to promote accession to both Statelessness Conventions. UNHCR is member of the ONE UN working group on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) supporting a 5 Years National Plan on Civil registration.

Durable Solutions: Local Integration

In Mozambique UNHCR 's strategy remains focused on enhancing self-reliance as a way to promote further local integration. Under the flexible arrangements instituted by the government in terms of freedom of movement and access to economic activities, an increasing number of refugees have become self-reliant and are now living in urban settings.

Resettlement

Since Jan 2014, UNHCR, in coordination with IOM, organized two departures to France and Canada. Another three departures were facilitated under private sponsorships for family reunification to Canada and to the US. Specific profiling mechanisms are in place to identify vulnerable cases for resettlement referrals.

Repatriation

UNHCR continuously support voluntary repatriation but the interest for returns among population of concern remains overall limited.

Mixed Migration

As a response to mixed migratory flows across Mozambique UNHCR conducts a joint project with IOM and UNICRI on the elaboration of border management SOPs and training of border officials. The project is ONE UN funded.

UNHCR Mozambique in 2014

Population Group	TOTAL BUDGET(USD)
Refugees	5,050,727
Stateless	363,556
Total	5,414,283



ACHIEVEMENTS

UNHCR supports the activities of INAR and all the above line ministries to provide basic services to the asylum-seekers and refugee at Maratane Refugee camp (Nampula Province) and to a lesser extent to those living in urban settings. Local community living in and around the camp benefit from basic services provided.

- **Registration and Documentation:** All refugees and asylum-seekers are granted identity documents on an individual basis. UNHCR continues to advocate for the Government of Mozambique to issue machine-readable CTDs to refugees.
- **Self-reliance:** In the area of agriculture, refugee farmers living in the camp are assisted with fertilizers, seeds and agricultural tools, while some families also benefit from animal husbandry project. Vocational training is also provided at camp level, with a view to facilitate the access of persons of concern to labor and trade markets, thereby assisting them to become self-reliant.
- **Food assistance:** WFP and UNHCR ensure food assistance to an average of 8,500 refugees and asylum-seekers in the camp according to vulnerability criteria (70 % received half ration and 30 % receive full ration). Persons with specific needs are also assisted with basic food items provided by Department of Social Action. The Scalabrini Fathers provide supplementary feeding for children under five found to be malnourished, both from refugees and national communities living in and around the camp.. They also support feeding at the kindergarten of Maratane Camp.
- **Education:** There are 2,401 students enrolled in the primary school in Maratane camp; of which 61% are refugees and asylum-seekers. Due to budget constraints UNHCR had to de-prioritize assistance to secondary education in order to keep the minimum standards on primary education at the camp level. UNHCR also sponsors 11 university students in Nampula and Maputo, while other 7 university students benefit from DAFI scholarships from the German Government.
- **Health:** A health center is fully operational in Maratane camp, covering both refugee and Mozambican populations. Basic medicines are provided free of charge and UNHCR purchases medicines for treatment of the chronically-ill and critical medical cases. In urban settings, persons of concern have access to primary health services for free alike nationals.
- **HIV/AIDS:** Refugees and asylum seekers have access to national HIV/AIDS programs and ART services just like nationals. Voluntarily Counseling Testing (VCT) is conducted at Nampula Central Hospital and Anchilo District hospital. Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services are fully functional and free distribution of male and female condoms is continuous in the camp. The Operation continues sensitization and awareness campaigns with persons of concern and local community in order to combat stigma among people living with HIV/AIDS. Further it ensures provision of supplementary food to people living with HIV/AIDS and supports them with transport to Anchilo where they receive antiretroviral treatment.
- **SGBV:** Standard Operational Procedures for an integrated response to SGBV are fully implemented by the SGBV Task-Force at camp level. The Task-Force is composed by refugees and asylum-seekers duly trained for this purpose to liaise with relevant authorities; as well as to trigger procedures ensuring due medical treatment and legal action.
- **Women:** UNHCR continues to promote women empowerment, through their full involvement in the various camp committees, monthly food distribution, SGBV Task-Force. Women empowerment also is ensured through vocational training whereby several female oriented courses are organized to pave way for more women to be trained and equipped to compete in the job market.
- **Participatory Approach:** Participatory assessments are conducted regularly with urban and camp refugees, aimed at monitoring the situation and inform programme design and implementation. The next assessment will be conducted in July at the time of the Operation's Mid-Year Review.



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