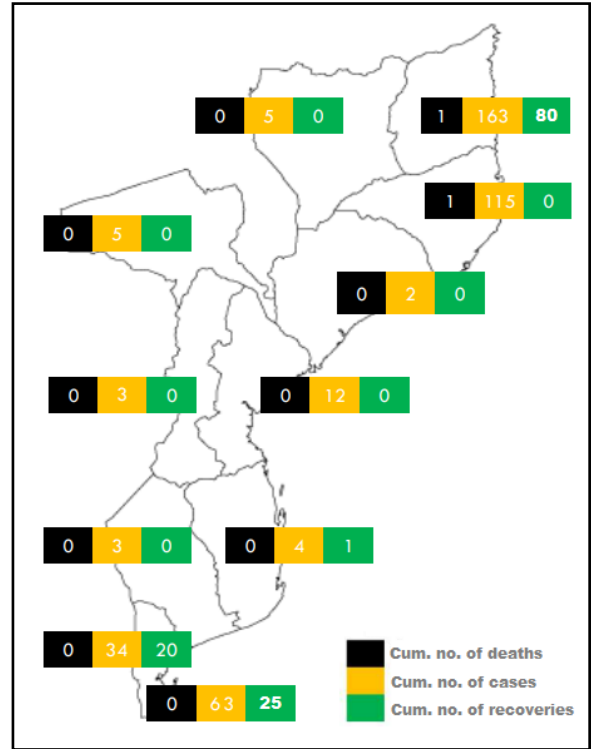




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MOZAMBIQUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- On 28 May, H.E. President Nyusi addressed the nation and announced the second extension of the State of Emergency until 29 June. The State of Emergency came into force on 1 April and was first extended on 29 April for a period of 30 days;
- The Director-General of the Disaster Management National Institute and the Humanitarian Coordinator, on behalf of the humanitarian community, launched two appeals to guide action and for resource mobilization on 4 June:
 - 1) [Mozambique's Flash COVID-19 Appeal](#), under the [updated COVID-19 Global HRP](#), with a call of US\$68 million to address the immediate life-saving and critical humanitarian and protection needs of the most vulnerable and most at-risk during the pandemic;
 - 2) [Rapid Response Plan for Cabo Delgado](#) that seeks US\$35.5 million and will prioritize the urgent needs of those who have been affected by the increasing violence in the province;
- On 18 May, the International Community COVID-19 Taskforce (ICCT) and the Government of Mozambique met to discuss the international community's support to the response to COVID-19 in Mozambique;
- On 22 May, WFP managed the logistics to bring to Mozambique the third Jack-Ma Foundation's donation of 500 respirators, 40 thousand surgical masks, thousands of personal protective equipment and 100 thermoscans amongst other items; and
- UNICEF has managed its first air shipment of donations made possible by the support from the Delegation of the European Union to Mozambique. The donation is composed of 134,000 surgical masks, 11,000 face shields, 30,000 coveralls, 192 non-contact thermometers and 600 protective goggles.



409 Cumulative no. of cases	126 Cumulative no. of recoveries	2 Cumulative no. of deaths	13,398 Cumulative no. of tests	17,930 Cumulative no. of persons in quarantine	886,297 Cumulative no. of persons tracked
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GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S RESPONSE

On 28 Day, H.E. President Nyusi participated in the [High-level event on Financing for Development in the era of COVID-19 and Beyond](#). The High-level event was hosted by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Prime Minister of Jamaica and the UN Secretary-General and gathered more than 50 Heads of State and Government. World leaders expressed their commitment to decisively facilitate global solutions to address the global economic crisis and its effects on the most vulnerable. H.E. President Nyusi affirmed via videoconference that “despite the challenges that the period presents, the Government of Mozambique remains focused on the goals it has defined in the medium and long term”, highlighting the importance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [H.E. President Nyusi's full intervention can be accessed here.](#)



On 22 May, the Ministry of Education and Human Development together with UNICEF launched a programme to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in the education sector, with a budget of US\$15 million. The programme is funded by the Global Partnership for Education and will support 8.5 million students affected by the closure of schools in place since 23 March.

The Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Action announced its plan to create a safety net program targeting 1 million of the most vulnerable people for a period of six months. The plan counts with the support of the Social Protection Sector Group within the ICCT, co-led by UNICEF and Sweden and with the active participation of WFP and ILO.

The Ministry of Health announced that decentralized testing for COVID-19 will start in five Provinces. Gradually, the Government of Mozambique (GoM) intends to decentralize testing capacity to all the 11 Provinces of the country.

The National Migration Service and the National Institute for Mozambican Communities Abroad are the lead government agencies working together with IOM to supporting the reception of returning migrants from South Africa. In May, over 600 returnees have been hosted at the Magwaza transit centre in Moamba District, before proceeding with their onward travel to their home communities. At the transit centre, they received counseling and information on COVID-19 prevention and quarantine measures, screening and testing for COVID-19. IOM is also providing logistics support to ensure good Infection Prevention and Control conditions at the Magwaza transit centre.

On 26 May, H.E. First Lady Isaura Nyusi launched a movement called [“Together We Will Beat COVID-19”](#). With the support of UN Women, the campaign aims at increasing public awareness on the need for strict compliance with measures to prevent and combat the disease as well as fighting its socio-economic consequences – including the possible increase in gender-based violence.

UN COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MOZAMBIQUE

WHO is working hand in hand with the Ministry of Health and is leading the COVID-19 international health partners' group. A new supply strategy has been developed by the Health Procurement Technical Working Group (HPTWG) of the COVID-19 Emergency Committee at the Ministry of Health. The HPTWG is co-led by UNICEF and USAID.

To support and promote water, sanitation and hygiene, UNICEF is procuring chemical products for disinfection of health facilities, supplies for Infection and Prevention Control, emergency handwashing stations, and industrial washing machines for isolation wards. UNICEF is also providing infrastructure support to nine isolation treatment centers across the country. Likewise, IOM is supporting the Provincial and District Health Department in Montepuez District, Province of Cabo Delgado, to upgrade a health facility to serve as a COVID-19 isolation and treatment center. IOM is leading the upgrading of a treatment facility in Pemba, in partnership with WHO, UNICEF ICRC, MSF and the Government, to strengthen preparedness and response capacities in case of an outbreak in the provincial capital.

UNAIDS and Reckitt Benckiser Group have joined forces to distribute more than 195,000 “hygiene kits” to people living with HIV (PLHIV) in the Eastern and Southern African region. The packs consist of a three-month supply of Dettol soap and Jik surface cleaner and will be distributed in 19 Eastern and Southern African countries as part of the efforts. UNAIDS plans to reach 10,000 beneficiaries to reduce exposure to the impact of COVID-19 among PLHIV in Mozambique.

FAO announced a plan of US\$20 million for ensuring food security, sustainable livelihoods as well as the continuation of the food supply chain amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan covers the period from May 2020 to April 2021.

To adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures and to ensure the continuity of maternal and child health services for girls and women, UNFPA installed 10 tents in the Health Units of Chiure (3), Montepuez(4), Mecufi (1), Metuge (1) and Pemba (1) in the Province of Cabo Delgado. 24 sexual and reproductive health kits were also distributed in the same province. Each kit is composed by different sets of medicine and disposable medical equipment that will benefit approx. 240,000 individuals for a period of three months.

In addition, UNFPA held a COVID-19 prevention and control session and subsequent distribution of 300 dignity kits that benefited internally displaced girls and women affected by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in the Montepuez District. A new women-friendly space was opened in the same district with the participation of the Permanent Secretary of the District and the District Director of Gender, Children, and Social Action and the multi-sectoral gender-based violence team.

IOM, in support of the Ministry of Health, continues its epidemiological surveillance activities and raising awareness of Mozambican migrant workers who recently returned from South Africa through its network of community health workers and workers associations. Thus far, community health workers called over 5,000 migrants, and spoke with family members of each migrant, inquiring on the health of over 25,000 relatives.



IOM is tracking new entries into six resettlement sites in Buzi District, Province of Sofala, in coordination with site COVID-19 Committees. In the past week, 38 new arrivals have been registered, who are individuals coming to join family members. COVID-19 Preparedness Assessment in Resettlement Sites reports have been published by IOM in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Institute. [The reports on central region sites in the Provinces of Sofala, Manica, Zambezia and Tete \(second round\)](#), and in northern region sites in the [Provinces of Cabo Delgado and Nampula \(first round\)](#), cover a total of 76 resettlement sites, which shelter over 100,000 people. The reports aim to inform the government and humanitarian partners on COVID-19 preparedness measures and support planning of interventions for outbreak prevention in resettlement sites that host populations displaced by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth.

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in training of 126 community health workers in the Province of Sofala on COVID-19 response and continuity of integrated community case management for child illness. In 11 resettlement sites of the same province, IOM together with district health services trained 28 activists and traditional birth attendants to disseminate COVID-19 information, track new arrivals, monitor preventive and quarantine measures, conduct community-level awareness, and monitor hand washing stations' use and maintenance.

In the Province of Cabo Delgado, IOM has trained over 170 Community Health Committee members on prevention of COVID-19, in collaboration with an NGO partner under the Sexual and Reproductive Health 'It's Our Right' project. With UNFPA support, the Ministry of Health held the first virtual training session for 100 provincial health workers from all the provinces on how to adapt gender-based violence (GBV) services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNHCR assisted the Ministry of Health in the recruitment process of 21 community health volunteers for COVID-19 prevention, response, and surveillance in Maratane refugee settlement. Among the 21 community health volunteers selected (11 Women and 10 Men), eight are from the local community and 13 are refugees and asylum seekers.

A group of 20 tailors (17 refugees and asylum seekers and 3 members of the host community) involved in a project to produce cloth face masks in Maratane refugee settlement signed an agreement with GIZ, German development agency, and produced 5,000 masks. UNFPA provided support to national implementing partners to produce 20,000 reusable cloth masks developed by women in women-friendly spaces in resettlement sites across the Province of Sofala.

On 12 May, UNIDO organized a high-level meeting with industrial associations of Mozambique to discuss the economic impacts of COVID-19 crisis in the business sector and explore common approaches for addressing them. The meeting was organized as part of the project called "Building Competitiveness for Exports" funded by the Delegation of the European Union to Mozambique and UNIDO. The project was launched in March 2020 and aims at improving trade, competitiveness and the business environment in Mozambique for greater market access for priority value chains.

UNICEF supported the reintegration of 1,000 children living in care institutions with their families in the scope of the fight and prevention against COVID-19. The children were removed from 100 shelters to which they had been referred due to situations such as orphanhood, abandonment, violence or family neglect. Efforts are being made to link the families to social protection program benefits to which they are entitled. UNICEF has also supported organizations for people with disabilities to articulate COVID-19 oriented programmes for which UNICEF will mobilize resources for. IOM is supporting communities to raise awareness and provide engaging educational activities for children with the provision of 1,600 activity books with COVID-19 messages for children at eight resettlement sites in the Province of Sofala.

Together with WHO and UNFPA, the Ministry of Health opened a call center for pre-service and information sharing about the COVID-19. Its main objective is to minimize the number of visits to hospitals made by the population. It will allow the prehospital and hospital systems to work in an integrated manner, from epidemiological surveillance, through telephone screening, to intensive care. Since its launch, the new call center has received approx. 2,000 calls per day.

Since late March 2020, the 3-2-1 toll-free automated information hotline operated by Viamo and supported by UNFPA has had over 1 million interactions with users on COVID-19 measures nationwide. Data shows that the service is reaching a younger audience with 80% of the calls being made by people aged 24 or younger.

Spots in Portuguese and local languages along with sign language subtitles are being broadcasted in national TV channels with support of UNDP and through the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE in its acronym in Portuguese). Communication materials being produced by STAE integrate awareness on COVID-19 and civic education.

Under the Government-led Rapariga Biz programme, UNFPA is adapting safe space mentorship sessions for community radios, which aim to reach 250,000 girls and young women across the country. In addition to receiving individual psychosocial support, the 5,608 mentors of the programme will receive virtual training on GBV and the protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, so they can support girls and young women and mitigate the secondary impacts of COVID-19 on their health, well-being and safety. Mentors will also offer individual mentorship sessions (upon request) for their approximately 30 girls and young women and share preventive COVID-19 messages via digital channels.



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UN GLOBAL THINK PIECES ON COVID-19 IMPACT AND RESPONSE

- **Health:** UNSG's [remarks to the World Health Assembly](#); World Health Assembly [speeches and news releases](#); UNAIDS Executive Director's [Op-ed providing free health for all, everywhere](#); UNSG's [video message to Global Vaccine Summit](#);
- **Economy:** UNSG's [Policy Brief on Impact of COVID-19 on Africa](#). Portuguese version [here](#); UNSG's [remarks to High-Level Event on Financing for Development](#); ITC Action Plan ["Supporting small businesses through the COVID-19 crisis and towards the future"](#); UNIDO/World Economic Forum article on [How can we mass produce the supplies needed to fight COVID-19?](#);
- **Food and nutrition:** FAO Policy brief on [Gendered impacts of COVID-19 and equitable policy responses in agriculture, food security and nutrition](#);
- **Education:** UNESCO, UNICEF and WB [Op-ed on reopening schools: When, where and how?](#);
- **Children:** UNICEF Executive Director's [remarks](#) at joint press briefing on immunization with WHO and Gavi; UNICEF [Agenda for Action](#) to protect the most vulnerable children from harm;
- **Gender:** UN Women Executive Director [Op-ed "The pandemic's gender imperative"](#); UNFPA [Op-ed on Protecting Women During the Pandemic](#);
- **People living with HIV/AIDS:** UNAIDS Executive Director and CDC Africa Director's [Joint Op-Ed "We Will Not Defeat COVID-19 Without Including Africa In The Global Response"](#);
- **Human Rights:** UNSG's [remarks to the Africa Dialogue Series on COVID-19 and Silencing the Guns in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities](#); UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS and OHCHR [joint statement on the need to urgently draw the attention of political leaders to the heightened vulnerability of prisoners and other people deprived of liberty to the COVID-19 pandemic](#); OHCHR analysis on [COVID-19 in southern Africa: Overview of State measures and human rights obligations](#);
- **Migration/Refugees:** UNSG [Policy Brief on "People on the Move"](#); UNHCR High Commissioner's [Op-ed on Why we must help – and learn from – refugees this Ramadan](#);
- **Environment:** UNEP Executive Director's [remarks to NYC webinar series "Global Vision/Urban Action: Collaborating for a Stronger Future"](#); UNEP Executive Director's [speech on the occasion of the World Environment Day](#);
- **Mozambique:** UNU-WIDER [article calculates lockdown readiness index for Mozambique](#); and
- UN Mozambique [paper on potential socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Mozambique](#).

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