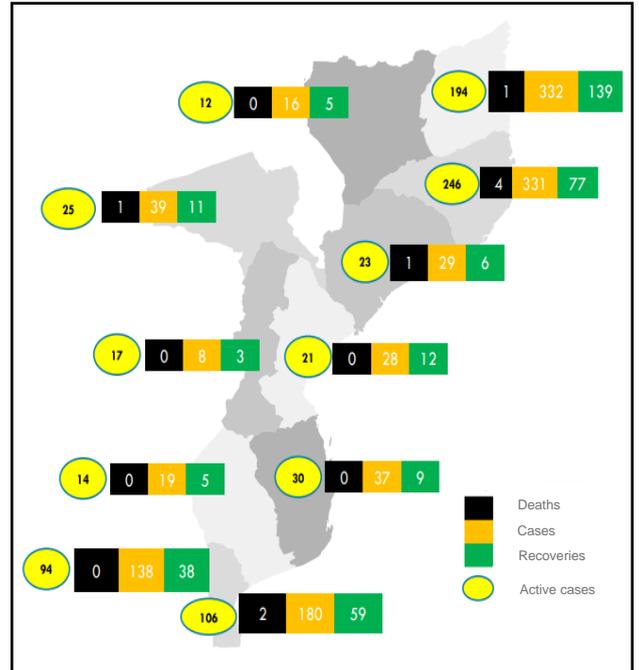




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MOZAMBIQUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- On 28 June, H.E. President Nyusi announced the third extension of the State of Emergency until 30 July ([Presidential Decree No.21/2020](#)). The State of Emergency came into force on 1 April;
- On 6 June, the Minister of Health declared Pemba as the 2nd geographical location in Mozambique with community transmission of COVID-19 due to the rapid spread of the disease and the epidemiological profile of the cases. The 1st geographical location with community transmission was the City of Nampula;
- 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:
 - 1) [Flash Appeal for COVID-19 Mozambique](#), under the [updated COVID-19 Global HRP](#), calling for US\$68 million to address the immediate life-saving and critical humanitarian and protection needs of the most vulnerable and 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 19 June, the International Community COVID-19 Taskforce (ICCT) and the Government of Mozambique met for the fifth time to discuss the international community's support to the response to COVID-19 in Mozambique;
- On 29 June, WHO supplied equipment to the Ministry of Health that will reinforce laboratory testing capacity for infectious diseases across the country, including COVID-19.



1,157	364	9	39,948	2,200	1,331,378
Cumulative no. of cases	Cumulative no. of recoveries	Cumulative no. of deaths	Cumulative no. of tests	No. of persons in quarantine	Cumulative no. of persons tracked

GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S RESPONSE

The State of Emergency came into effect on 1 April and has been extended three times by H.E. President Nyusi. [Some initial measures will be gradually be relaxed:](#)

- Reopening of schools, business, culture and tourism in a phased approach;
- Gradual reopening of the country to investors, specialists and visitors;
- Flights from selected countries to be allowed on a reciprocity basis;
- Condemnation of cases of stigmatization and increased domestic violence, especially against women and children.

On 8 June, the Minister of Health signed a community strategy for health services which guides the provision of non-COVID-19 care for child health, malaria, HIV and tuberculosis within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The strategy will help mitigate the negative impacts of the pandemic on non-COVID-19 health issues.



UN COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MOZAMBIQUE

HEALTH

WHO is working hand in hand with the Ministry of Health and is leading the COVID-19 international health partners' group. Together with WHO, UNICEF has supported the establishment of an allocation criteria and distribution mechanism of personal protective equipment. Over 4,000 overalls procured by UNICEF have been distributed in Cabo Delgado to protect health workers. UNHCR and the National Institute for Refugee Assistance handed over 7,000 face masks and soap to approx. 7,000 refugees and asylum seekers living in Maratane Refugee Camp.

Approximately 200 maternal and child health professionals received virtual training on COVID-19. Health professionals also received training from UNFPA and the Provincial Health Directorate on controlling the availability of contraceptive methods and other sexual and reproductive health consumables, with the aim of sharing experiences on how provinces are responding to issues linked to contraceptive stock at all levels.

To understand the needs of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) related to information, access to HIV and TB treatment or other services during the COVID-19 emergency, UNAIDS is supporting networks of PLHIV to conduct a rapid assessment among their members in Mozambique. The feedback will be analyzed and shared with national decision makers.

MIGRATION

IOM continues to support the Ministry of Health surveillance activities, through screening and raising awareness of Mozambican migrant workers returning from South Africa to southern provinces through its network of community health workers and workers associations. Since early April, IOM community health workers called over 8,000 migrants, inquiring about the health of approximately 40,000 relatives.

IOM has positioned activists to conduct risk communication with transborder truck drivers, crossing at Ressano Garcia border post with South Africa and at Machipanda border post with Zimbabwe. From late May through to mid-June approximately 4,500 truck drivers were reached with COVID-19 prevention messages delivered in local languages, with a focus on practical tips for handwashing and physical distancing during their stay in the country.

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

With support from UNICEF, the Nutrition Response plan to COVID-19 was approved and validated by the Ministry of Health and partners. The nutrition contingency stock was replenished in anticipation of increased demand due to a deterioration of nutrition security as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WFP is supporting the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition to conduct the National Food Security Assessment using a Mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping monitoring system to avoid face-to-face data collection.

FAO is working on bean seeds distribution in Sofala, Manica, Zambezia and Tete Provinces reaching more than 50,000 households (approximately 250,000 people) to grant their food security in this period. These actions are made in direct collaboration with the Government authorities ensuring that preventive COVID-19 measures are being followed.

CHILDREN

UNICEF launched the first note of a series of [policy briefs that will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on children in Mozambique](#). According to the latest census data, there are over 14 million Mozambican children aged 0–17, representing more than half of the total population. For the 10 million children who have already been living in some form of poverty, COVID-19 causes a deeper and more prolonged poverty and denial of their basic rights.

EDUCATION

UNESCO and UNICEF are providing continuous support to the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MINEDH) for the preparation of the reopening of school strategy. The UN Entities have also developed hygiene protocols for school reopening recommendations and standard kit contents for schools as part of the MINEDH overall school reopening guidance. MINEDH received the Global Partnership for Education's COVID-19 grant of US\$13 million, in which UNICEF is serving as grant agent. The grant will support 8.5 million students to resume classes.

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

IOM, in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Institute have published COVID-19 Preparedness Assessment in Resettlement Sites reports on central region sites in the provinces of Sofala, Manica, Zambezia and Tete ([fourth round](#)), and in northern region sites in the Provinces of Cabo Delgado and Nampula ([first round](#)). The reports cover a total of 77 resettlement sites, which shelter over 100,000 people, and aim to inform the Government and humanitarian partners on COVID-19 preparedness, in order to support planning of interventions for outbreak prevention in resettlement sites that host populations displaced by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth.



IOM health teams, with the support of community-based activists, conducted home visits to over 2,800 households residing in 10 resettlement sites across the three districts of Dondo, Buzi and Nhamatanda, Province of Sofala, to educate family members about COVID-19, its transmission and prevention, and support the uptake of preventive practices such as handwashing and the use of face masks through demonstrations.

PSYCO-SOCIAL SUPPORT

Together with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Action, UNICEF has adapted the psycho-social support delivery to Cyclones Idai and Kenneth affected areas to include COVID-19 measures with 5,701 children and 66 families receiving support on an individual basis. Similarly, UNHCR is mapping existing mental health and psycho-social support services in the Province of Nampula to establish referral pathway mechanisms for refugees and asylum seekers living in Maratane refugee camp during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to strengthen the capacity of the Linha Verde, a hotline for beneficiaries to report abuse during distributions, UNFPA is working with the hotline to revise the referral mechanisms and train operators to respond and ensure safe referral of GBV cases in the context of COVID-19.

Since March, the Government of Mozambique, supported by UNFPA, has provided female 'dignity kits' to approximately 5,000 women and girls facing the impact of the pandemic in the Provinces of Sofala and Cabo Delgado.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The annual work plan between UNFPA and the Ministry of Gender, Child, and Social Action was signed and approximately US\$200,000 was allocated to the GBV sector to ensure quality and continuity of services, dissemination of messages, adaptation of services and ensuring the safety of workers and survivors in light of COVID-19.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT

As part of the UN's socio-economic COVID-19 response, UNDP and civil society organizations are conducting regular and real-time monitoring assessments of the impact of COVID-19 in Mozambique. This establishes how the crisis is affecting families, workers, companies and informal sector operators, and ensures an evidence-based COVID-19 response that puts Mozambique back on a track of recovery.

COMMUNICATIONS

Over 2.5 million children were reached with key COVID-19 and child rights related messages on children's day celebrations, through child-to-child TV and Radio programs. UNICEF has supported 111 community radios across the country, including support to 10 multimedia mobile units to continue promoting preventive behaviors of COVID-19 in remote and hard to reach districts and communities. UNICEF has also conducted an Interactive Voice Response Survey that showed that 39.3% of interviewees know symptoms and what to do in case of symptoms of COVID-19.

IOM supported the Ministry of Health in crafting messages tailored to recently returned migrant workers, supports community radios to broadcast programs in local languages on prevention of COVID-19 in 6 provinces and delivered a total of 6,000 posters and nearly 25,000 leaflets on COVID-19 prevention to local health authorities and community-level partners to support awareness raising efforts on key COVID-19 preventive measures.

Approximately 35,000 adolescents and youth, including the general public, are being targeted through 30 radio shows on adolescent sexual and reproductive health produced by UNFPA. Since early May, the COVID-19 call center, led by the Ministry of Health, with support from UNFPA and partners has received more than 50,000 calls. Due to high demand, the call center will now expand to Beira and Nampula provinces.

UN GLOBAL THINK PIECES ON COVID-19 IMPACT AND RESPONSE

- **Health:** UNSG's [remarks](#) at the launching of the [UN Comprehensive Response to COVID-19](#); UNSG [op-ed "Global Wake-Up"](#);
- **Economy:** UNSG's [remarks](#) at Virtual High-level Meeting: Trends, Options and Strategies in Poverty Eradication; UNIDO publication on "[Responding to the COVID-19 Crises: Pathway to Business Continuity & Recovery](#)"; ILO [policy framework for tackling the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 crisis](#); [Inter-agency report on COVID-19 in African Cities: Impacts, Responses and Policies](#);
- **Food and nutrition:** FAO policy brief on [measures for supporting wholesale food markets during COVID-19](#); FAO [op-ed on 'Working together to ensure the stability of the global food supply chain'](#); [WFP Hunger Map Live](#) features daily hunger and COVID-19 snapshots; and key data collected remotely every day;
- **Education:** UNICEF Executive Director [Op-Ed: It's time to reopen schools](#);
- **Children:** UNICEF [Statement](#): "To control COVID-19, we have to make hand hygiene accessible to all"; [UNICEF Agenda for Action](#) to protect the most vulnerable children from harm;



- **Gender:** UNFPA [State of World Population report](#): While progress has been made in ending some harmful practices worldwide, the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to reverse gains;
[Inter-Agency statement on violence against women and girls in the context of COVID-19](#);
UN Women op-ed on [Build back better: women at the centre of decision-making](#);
- **People living with HIV/AIDS:** UNAIDS [Strategic considerations for mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on key-population-focused HIV programs](#);
- **Human Rights:** OHCHR [statement on COVID-19 and historical neglect in mental health care](#);
[UNODC World Drug Report](#): Global drug use rising; while COVID-19 has far reaching impact on global drug markets;
- **Migration/Refugees:** IOM [Policy paper on cross-border human mobility amid and after COVID-19](#);
IOM Director-General op-ed: [Combatting Xenophobia is Key to an Effective COVID-19 Recovery](#);
- **Environment:** UN Environment ED op-ed [“COVID-19 is a Symptom of a Bigger Problem: Our Planet’s Ailing Health”](#);
- **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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NEW CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN COVID-19 RELATED EFFORTS

- **Norway:** UNFPA welcomes US\$1.1 million from the Government of Norway to ensure sexual and reproductive health and GBV services are available, adapted to COVID-19, and accessible to all; and
- **Sweden:** ILO welcomes US\$1.1 million from the Government of Sweden for specific measures to address the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Mozambique.

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