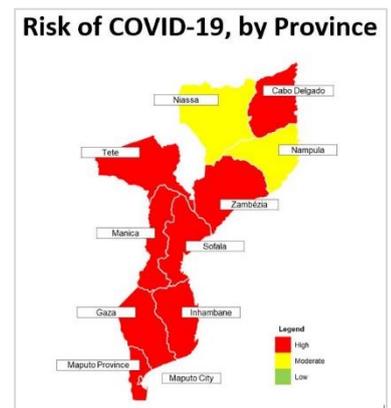
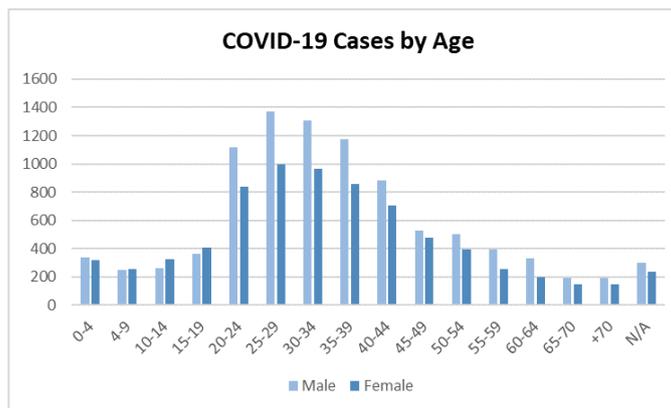
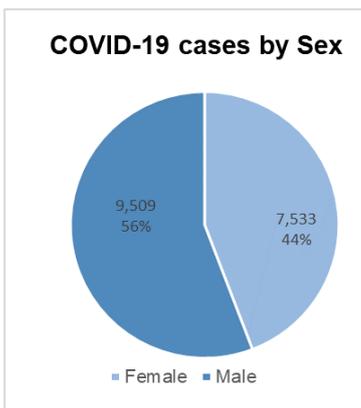
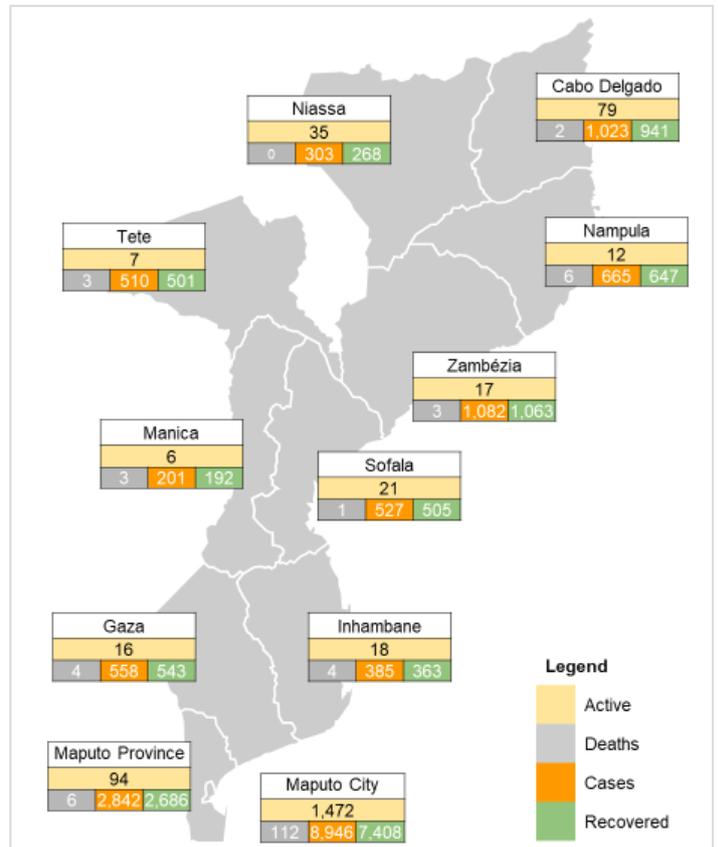




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MOZAMBIQUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 15 December, there were 17,042 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Mozambique;
- According to the Ministry of Health (MISAU) between 07 - 13 December there were:
 - 1,990 active COVID-19 cases;
 - 710 positive test results (7% positivity test rate);
 - 402 recoveries from COVID-19; and
 - 9 deaths from COVID-19;
- The majority of active cases are located Maputo City accounting for 60% of the total number of active cases in Mozambique;
- The results of the 10th epidemiology survey conducted in Chimoio, Manica indicate the COVID-19 sero-prevalence in Manica province is 1.4%. This is the lowest after Niassa and Tete provinces which were 0.7%;
- The preliminary results for the sero-prevalence tests conducted in Gaza suggest 3.7% of randomly selected households have been exposed to COVID-19 in Xai-Xai and 5.3% in Chokwe (the highest rate nationwide);
- In December, 17 primary and secondary schools were shut by order of the National Inspectorate of Economic Activities (INEA) due to non-compliance with measures to combat COVID-19; and
- The Minister of Health indicated that Mozambique has probably reached the COVID-19 peak between September and October according to data analysis as the country is now following a downward trend as number of cases have gradually slowed down.



MOZAMBIQUE SUMMARY

- 17,042 confirmed cases
- 1,777 active cases
- 15,117 recovered
- 144 confirmed deaths
- 16,729 local transmission, 313 imported

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- 73,193,427 confirmed cases
- 20,238,522 active cases
- 51,326,926 recovered
- 1,627,979 confirmed deaths

AFRICAN REGION SUMMARY

- 2,389,975 confirmed cases
- 309,605 active cases
- 2,024,010 recovered
- 56,360 deaths



UN COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MOZAMBIQUE

 <p>HEALTH</p> <p>Over 520 clinicians and trainers of trainers trained on severe and critical COVID-19 presentation with comorbidity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to strengthen COVID-19 case management, in collaboration with MISAU and Maputo Central Hospital, 480 clinicians nationwide allocated to COVID-19 treatment centres and 44 provincial trainers of trainers were trained on severe and critical COVID-19 presentation with comorbidity (WHO); • Provision of ionogram and gasometry lab machines to Polana Caniço COVID-19 treatment centre in Maputo city to improve the case management of COVID-19 cases admitted to the centre (WHO); • Support MISAU in the development of multi-risk contingency plans for 2020 – 2021 (WHO); • Support provided to District Health Services to assemble and install 4 large multipurpose medical tents in Cabo Delgado and 4 in Nampula to increase capacity for screening and care of COVID-19 patients in both provinces (IOM); • In Sofala province, in collaboration with the Provincial Directorate of Health (DPS) contact tracing and community surveillance for COVID-19 is being conducted. In October, 808 cases of COVID-19 were tracked and tested, with 85 positive cases recorded for follow-up (UNFPA); and • Transportation support provided to the District Services for Women’s Health and Social Action (SDSMAS) of Beira City to conduct community surveillance COVID-19 activities. In November, 445 suspected cases were traced and tested of which 75 were positive and 169 contacts followed by the team (UNFPA).
 <p>WASH</p> <p>Hygiene and cleaning materials delivered to 6 municipalities to reinforce COVID-19 prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional hygiene and cleaning materials delivered to 6 municipalities including Maputo, Boane, Marracuene, Matola, Beira and Dondo to reinforce COVID-19 prevention in urban areas to be delivered to public transport drivers and market sellers (UN Habitat, UNICEF).
 <p>PROTECTION</p> <p>Launch the 8th edition of the Social Protection week in Mozambique under the slogan “In COVID-19 times, let’s strengthen Social Protection”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support provided to the Second National Civil Society Conference <i>“The Role of Social Protection in Times of Crisis”</i>, on the role social protection must play to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 regarding income security for affected households and individuals (ILO); and • In collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Action (MCGAS), supported the launch of the eighth edition of the Social Protection week in Mozambique under the slogan <i>“In COVID-19 times, let’s strengthen Social Protection”</i> (ILO).
 <p>MASKS</p> <p>Over 20,000 masks & face shields produced or distributed with the support of the UN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing machines and kits provided to persons with disabilities to produce and sell almost 10,000 cloth facemasks (UNICEF); • 4,000 face shields and alcohol-based disinfectant delivered to the Minister of Interior to contribute to the personal protection of Government frontline workers in high flux points of entry across the country (IOM); • Distribution of 200 masks and 200 alcohol gels to community health workers (APEs) and volunteers in Integrated Nutrition Programme (PIN). In Sofala province 172 APEs received 364 buckets with taps (UNICEF); • Trained 10 local tailors in Motepuez district, Cabo Delgado and 5 local tailors in Memba district, Nampula in the production of face masks as well as the provision of sewing kits resulting in the production of 7,000 face masks to increase availability of COVID-19 prevention measure among IDPs and host communities (IOM); • 500 hand sanitisers for public transport drivers, 1,155 soap bars for vulnerable market sellers, 1,100 surface disinfectant and 1,1000 clothes for professional categories distributed donated to 1,000 sellers and transport drivers (UN Habitat); and • Through the project HIV @ Workplace, assistance provided for the purchasing of PPE and hygienic material for informal sector actors primarily for informal markets through the Association of Informal Sector Operators and Workers (ASSOTSI) (ILO).



 <p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Over 6.5 million people reached with back to school protocol on COVID-19 prevention messages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the broadcasting of TV spots on COVID-19 prevention, risk mitigation at water points, demand health services, breastfeeding and signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during prime time on the TV channels with highest coverage in Mozambique (UNICEF); • Approximately one million people, including IDPs reached through multimedia mobile unit activities sharing COVID-19 key prevention measures in Sofala, Zambezia, Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces (UNICEF); • Development of messages on raise awareness and back to school protocol on the prevention of COVID-19 through 27 community radios in four local languages, Changana, Choje, Sena and Macua in Niassa, Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Sofala, Inhambane, Gaza, Maputo Province and Maputo City, reaching over 6.5 million people (UNESCO); • 150 posters distributed and 18 awareness raising sessions held at 8 transports stops, 3 markets, 2 schools, 1 community centre and 4 crowded locations in the neighbourhood of Chamanculo C (UN Habitat); and • In the districts of Pemba, Motepuez, and Ibo in Cabo Delgado and Memba in Nampula, IOM MHPSS teams provided over 3,000 individuals with lectures and demonstrations on individual and collective COVID-19 prevention measures to members of host communities and IDPs (IOM).
 <p>MONITORING</p> <p>96% of resettlement sites in central Mozambique have COVID-19 PPE available</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to round 12 of the COVID-19 Preparedness Assessment in Resettlement Sites, 96% of resettlement sites in the central region of Mozambique have COVID-19 PPE available and all sites have conducted sensitization and taken actions on COVID-19 prevention and control (IOM).
 <p>TRAINING</p> <p>Over 50 health workers in Polana Canhico COVID-19 treatment centre received COVID-19 case management training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 50 health workers from Polana Canhico COVID-19 treatment centre received training on case management ensuring frontline workers have the necessary skills to attend to COVID-19 patients, including pregnant women (UNFPA); • Support the training of 405 APEs on risk communication, infection prevention and control for COVID-19, and continuity of services in all districts in Sofala including readiness assessment for COVID-19 in 23 health facilities in Sofala (UNICEF); • In conjunction with MISAU, 120 participants working in points of entry (airport, land crossing and ports) in Niassa, Cabo Delgado, Tete, Zambézia, Gaza and Maputo provinces were trained on public health surveillance to strengthen capacity in surveillance, infection prevention and control in the context of the pandemic (WHO, IOM); • Under the leadership of the Government Information (GABINFO) and in collaboration with the National Institute of Health (INS), the National Journalist Union (SNJ) and the Institute of Social Communication of Southern Africa (MISA), 30 journalists and media professionals of community radios of Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces were trained in <i>disinfecting</i>, ethics of journalists and media professionals in the context of COVID-19 (UNESCO); • In conjunction with Maputo’s Municipality, 8 activists from the partner organization AVSI were trained on the prevention of COVID-19 in urban areas including settlements, markets, transports and public places. Activist and neighbourhood representatives in Chamanculo C, were trained to deliver urban area specific prevention messages and a mapping of key locations for awareness raising activities done with (UN Habitat); • In Ancuabe district, Cabo Delgado, the Provincial Social Services provided a session on COVID-19 prevention and control and distributed 150 dignity kits (UNFPA); and • 25 trainers and 62 teachers supported in preparing radio and TV lessons enabling 900,000 primary and secondary school children to have access to learning (UNICEF).



UN GLOBAL THINK PIECES ON COVID-19 IMPACT AND RESPONSE

- **Health:** WHO Launch [World Malaria Report 2020](#); WHO warns that [COVID-19 threatens global progress against malaria](#); WHO Regional Director for Africa notes [African nation 'far from ready' for COVID-19 vaccination drive](#); and UNAIDS warns [Global HIV toll likely to be far higher owing to COVID-19](#).
- **Social protection:** UNICEF release story on gender-based violence [Are we missing a game changer? Gender-based violence and social protection](#); and Joint statement by UN entities on [data protection and privacy in the COVID-19 response](#).
- **Food and nutrition:** WFP & IOM analysis of food insecurity trends in major migration hotspots [Populations at risk: Implications of COVID-19 for hunger, migration and displacement](#); UNICEF Executive Director remarks at the [Launch of Nutrition Reports](#); and FAO's Food Outlook: [Developing countries buoy global food trade](#).
- **Children and Youth:** Press release by UNICEF calling for [averting a lost generation as COVID-19 threatens to cause irreversible harm to children's education, nutrition and well-being](#); and Report by UNICEF on [COVID-19: A Catastrophe for Children in sub-Saharan Africa](#).
- **Gender:** Message from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#); Press release by UN Women calling for [concrete action to respond to the concurrent shadow pandemic as the impact of COVID-19 intensifies](#); and Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences statement for [International Day for the Elimination of violence against Women 25 November 2020](#).
- **Sustainable Development:** Development of the [UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery Leveraging the Power of Science for a More Equitable, Resilient and Sustainable Future](#); and UNICEF working with global airlines and freight providers to plan delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

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