The humanitarian situation in northern Mozambique is a protection crisis driven by conflict-induced displacement and human rights violations. A protection assessment by UNHCR across seven districts illustrates how IDPs experience protection incidents at the moment of flight (38%), throughout their displacement (9%) and upon reaching areas of refuge (4%). Between November 2020 and September 2021, internal displacement has increased by 40% (from 527,215 IDPs to 743,073 IDPs) with more than 100,000 people fleeing the attacks by NSAG against Palma in March 2021 during which IDPs as much as 61% IDPs shelter in the Centro Desportivo reported having witnessed human rights violations. These include physical assault, abductions, murders, discrimination, GBV, forced recruitment, family separation, harassment and arbitrary arrest. Those who reach safer districts in southern Cabo Delgado and Nampula and Niassa report discrimination by host communities. Refoulement from Tanzania of Mozambican asylum-seekers exacerbated in 2021, including women headed households with no access to protection services or sexual and reproductive health care.

**Human Rights Violations During Displacement**
- physical assault, abductions, murders, discrimination, gender based violence, enforced recruitment, family separation, harassment, arbitrary arrest, freedom of movement, sexual violence

**Challenges to Protection Actors**
- humanitarian access, hard-to-reach areas, slow scale up (visa/customs), IDPs living in urban areas

**Protection Concerns of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**
- forced marriage, sexual exploitation, and abuse (SEA), housing, land and property (HLP), lack of civil documentation, access to basic services, gender based violence, family separation, physical abuse

**Persons at particular risk**
- women, girls, boys and men with disabilities, pregnant and lactating women, unaccompanied and separated children, chronically ill persons, older persons without effective family support, female headed households, persons displaced multiple times

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- Individualized approach for those most in need
- Reinforcing local protection actors & community based protection
- Protection monitoring and protection data collection

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