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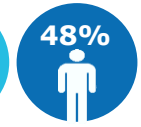
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# WFP Mozambique Country Brief June 2021



## In Numbers

1,030,414 people assisted in June 2021



5,044 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 3.4 million cash-based transfers made

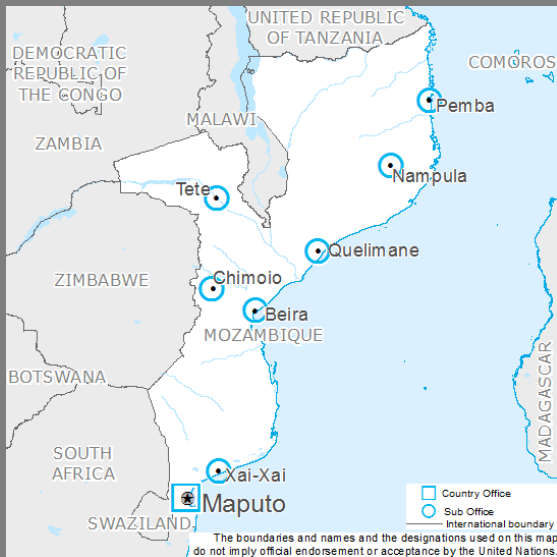
US\$ 140.1 m six months (July 2021 – December 2021) net funding requirements, representing 90% of total

### Operational Context

After two decades of peace and stability, the intensification of violence in Cabo Delgado Province threatens socio-economic progress. Additionally, Mozambique remains one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, with drought and pests affecting staple crops in much of the country while the central part has been affected by Cyclones every year leading to agricultural losses, destruction of infrastructure, assets and livelihoods as well as internal displacement.

Thus, significant challenges remain to achieve food and nutrition security. Mozambicans still cannot afford the cost of a nutritious diet. High malnutrition affects almost half of children under 5 years of age. Over 2.9 million people face severe acute food insecurity, according to the most recent IPC analysis. The economic growth forecast was revised further downwards, following the impact of the cyclones, subsequent floods, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly half the population remains below the poverty line.

WFP has been present in Mozambique since 1977, strengthening the government's capacity and providing food, nutrition and livelihood assistance to the most vulnerable communities.



Population: 30.4 million

2019 Human Development Index: 181 out of 189

Income Level: Low

Chronic malnutrition: 53% of children between 6-59 months

### Operational Updates

- In June 2021, WFP assisted over 700,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Mozambique (around 695,000 in Cabo Delgado, and over 5,000 in Nampula).
- Due to a lack of funds, WFP will be forced to stop its food assistance to IDPs in northern Mozambique in August 2021.
- As part of the response to Cyclone Eloise, WFP assisted 21,320 in Sofala province.
- WFP needs USD 121 million to be able to assist 750,000 IDPs and vulnerable members of the host community in northern Mozambique until December 2021 (USD 13.9 million monthly).

### Social Protection

- WFP and UNICEF are working with the government to support the implementation of the national Social Protection response to COVID-19 (cash transfers to urban populations). In Tete province, around 14,000 households were registered for assistance. In June, all beneficiaries received their first payment (MZN 4,500, around USD 70). It is expected the second and final transfer will be done in July 2021.
- Under the Cyclone Idai Social Protection recovery strategy, WFP will be responsible for assisting on behalf of the government over 12,000 households affected by the cyclone in the Province of Sofala. Each family will receive MZN 2,500 (around USD 39) for six months.

### School Feeding

- In June 2021, WFP continued supporting school feeding programmes across the country.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MINEDH), WFP assisted 125,945 primary school children under the National School Feeding Project (PRONAE).
- Thanks to donations from Canada and from a partnership with the private sector, WFP has provided school meals to an additional 67,000 students in Tete and Nampula provinces.
- WFP is also assisting an additional 91,000 students in Cabo Delgado, Manica, Sofala and Zambezia provinces under the emergency school feeding programme funded by the World Bank (Global Partnership for Education) in partnership with UNICEF.

### Nutrition

#### Cabo Delgado Emergency Response – Blanket Supplementary Feeding

- In June 2021, WFP started in the Ibo district (Cabo Delgado) a preventive nutritional programme called Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).
- The objective is to prevent Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) among displaced children. The programme consists of providing Super Cereal Plus to displaced children aged between 6 and 59 months who do not have MAM.
- The first round of distribution benefited 664 children by delivering 3.98 mt of Super Cereal Plus.

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Photo: Children part of the WFP School Feeding programme in Cabo Delgado. WFP/Yuri Andrade.

## Country Strategic Plan (2017-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1,087 m	475.4 m	140.1 m

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Households have access to nutritious food

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Preparedness and management capacities of weather-related shocks with the National Institute of Disaster management (INGC) and the Technical Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security (SETSAN)
- Technical assistance to develop Shock Responsive Social Protection (SRSP)

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Shock-affected people in Mozambique are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and immediately after a crisis

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**

- Food and cash-based transfers
- Early recovery and treatment of malnutrition
- Food assistance to refugees

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Children have access to nutritious food

**Focus area:** Home grown school feeding and capacity to Ministry of Education

**Activities:**

- Capacity strengthening of government bodies responsible for the national home-grown school feeding programme while seeking to make PRONAE (Programa Nacional de Alimentação Escolar) more nutrition sensitive and gender transformative.

## Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 4:** People have improved nutritional status

**Focus area:** Government capacity for stunting

**Activities:**

- Development of operational research products on prevention of chronic malnutrition.
- Technical assistance to government entities implementing the national strategy to combat stunting and micronutrient deficiencies
- Provision of specialised and staple fortified food

## Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and income

**Strategic Outcome 5:** Farmers have enhanced livelihood

**Focus area:** Capacity of smallholder farmers

**Activities:**

- Aggregation, marketing and decision-making capacities of smallholder farmers and their access to markets with a focus on women

## Strategic Result 8: Enhance global partnership

**Strategic Outcome 6:** Partners are supported by WFP expertise

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Storage, handling and accounting of food for humanitarian and development partners

**Strategic Outcome 7:** Government and humanitarian partners in Mozambique have access to effective and reliable services during times of crisis

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**

- Provide services through the Logistics Cluster to government and other humanitarian and development partners
- Provide Emergency Telecommunications Cluster services to government and other humanitarian and development partners
- Provide humanitarian air services to government and other humanitarian and development partners
- Provide accommodation, transport and other services as required to humanitarian and development partners

- In addition, the BSFP beneficiaries are receiving health complementary services which include vitamin A supplementation, deworming and measles vaccination for the children that had not been vaccinated against measles.
- WFP aims to reach 4,500 children under 5 with monthly distribution of 6kg of Super Cereal Plus over 3 months. Also, WFP plans to expand the programme to other districts, however, several aspects including funding should be closely considered.

**Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) Treatment – National Nutrition Habitation Programme (PRN)**

- WFP supports the PRN in 316 health facilities in 32 districts across 11 different provinces. However, due to lack of funding, WFP will be forced to reduce the support to the PRN to 24 districts from July 2021.
- In June 2021, 2,608 children under the age of 5 received Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF), and 2,159 pregnant and lactating women received RUSF for MAM treatment.

**HIV/TB PROJECT – Road Wellness Centre for HIV/TB Services**

- In May, 829 people accessed the HIV/TB Roadside Wellness Project in the Beira transport corridor in Inchope district (Manica province). WFP is working with partners North Star Alliance and AMEND for this intervention. The project started in June 2020 and consists of a mobile health clinic, called 'the Bluebox', which provides HIV/TB and COVID-19 services such as screening for COVID-19, testing for sexually transmitted infections and counselling on sexual and reproductive health for adolescent girls and young women, female sex workers and male truck drivers.
- A live dashboard on the project's monitoring results can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/3bi9KQB>.

**The Gender Transformative and Nutrition Sensitive (GTNS) project**

- The GTNS is an innovative programme implemented in Chemba district (Sofala Province) aiming to reduce stunting by focusing on women's empowerment as a way to ensure children eat a nutritious diet. In June, 3,544 beneficiaries attended Maternal Nutrition Sessions.
- A total of 212 cooking demonstrations were held reaching 3,441 participants.

**Nutrition-sensitive programming**

- Thanks to the generous contribution of the German Development Bank (KfW), WFP Mozambique is currently preparing a nutrition-sensitive Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) response to complement the COVID-19 social protection activities in Zambezia and Tete provinces.

**Smallholder Agriculture Market Support (SAMS)**

- In June 2021, as part of the Virtual Farmers Market (VFM) project, over 854 smallholder farmers were trained on good agricultural practices, such as post-harvest loss management (PHL). Also, as part of the project, 390 bicycles were distributed to lead farmers to enable them to be part of the activities of the project, including the replication of training and demonstrations.
- In June 2021, the VFM project also supported two Farmers Organizations (Matharya and Nacarroane) to commercialize 9,200 kg of soybean for MZN 276,000 (around USD 4,000) to buyers from the Zambezia province.

**Donors WFP's Country Strategic Plan in 2020 and 2021**

Austria, Brazil, Canada, European Commission, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Mozambique, Norway, Portugal, Private Donors, Republic of Korea, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America, UN CERF, UN funds other than CERF (in alphabetical order).