WFP Mozambique
Country Brief
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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 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.

In Numbers
1,178,133 people assisted in August 2021
5,551 MT of food assistance dispatched
USD 2.06 million cash-based transfers made
US$ 148.9 m six months (September 2021 – February 2022) net funding requirements, representing 90.1% of total

Operational Updates
- Due to insufficient funding, WFP was only able to reach 838,765 people in northern Mozambique with half rations for August, which were distributed with half rations for July for logistics and cost-efficiency purposes.
- WFP believes that investing in development and livelihood projects is fundamental for long-term stability and peace in Cabo Delgado. Thus, WFP is preparing to start in September 2021 a livelihood programme in Balama district.
- In order to make WFP operations in northern Mozambique more transparent and efficient, in August 2021 WFP started a Vulnerability Based Targeting exercise which included a workshop at provincial level with relevant government counterparts and a first pilot both at urban and rural context in Cabo Delgado. This exercise is expected to last for up to 3 months.
- WFP needs USD 67.9 million to sustain the northern Mozambique operation until December 2021.

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 and peri-urban populations living in areas with high food insecurity levels). In August 2021, around 16,000 families (80,000 people) were paid in Tete province. Distributions in Zambezia to around 84,000 families (420,000 people) are expected in October. All disbursements in the two provinces are being made with e-money (M-PESA).
- Under the Cyclone Idai Social Protection recovery strategy, WFP in cooperation with the Government assisted over 12,000 families (60,000 people) affected by cyclone Idai in the Province of Sofala with emergency cash payments totalling MZN 15,000.00 (around USD 238). All payments were finalized in August.

School Feeding
- WFP currently assists nearly 300,000 children with school meals through various programmes, including more than 127,000 primary school children under the National School Feeding Programme (PRONAE), under the leadership of the Ministry of Education.
- In Tete Province, an additional 47,000 children receive school feeding thanks to donations made by Canada, while in Nampula province, over 28,000 students receive school meals supported by a partnership with the private sector.
- In addition, WFP reached over 91,000 students in August 2021 in Cabo Delgado, Manica, Sofala and Zambezia under the emergency school feeding programme funded by the Global Partnership for Education.

Nutrition
Cabo Delgado Emergency Response – Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP)
- The objective of the BSFP 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.
- In August 2021, WFP assisted 3,909 children aged 6-59 months with 23.5 MT of Super Cereal Plus in the district of Ibo. Out of those, a total of 952...
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2017-2022)

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### 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 Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

**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:**
- 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 Result 3: Children have access to nutritious food

**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 4: People have improved nutritional status

**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 5: 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

### Climate Resilience

- In August 2021, WFP in cooperation with the University of Reading, the National Institute of Meteorology (INAM), and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MADER) conducted a training in Gaza province, teaching farmers to make agricultural decisions using accurate climate and weather information.

### Smallholder Agriculture Market Support (SAMS)

- In August 2021, as part of the Virtual Farmers Market (VFM) project, over 5,502 smallholder farmers were trained on good agricultural practices, such as post-harvest loss management (PHL).
- In June 2020, the VFM project also supported two farmer cooperatives with over 215 farmers to commercialize 104,300 kg of agricultural surplus resulting in MZN 2,339,990 (USD 37,142).
- In August 2021, WFP selected an additional 33,000 beneficiaries (6,600 households) in Tete and Gaza for the Integrated Climate Risk Management (ICRM), which support smallholder farmers by providing climate services, organizing saving groups, teaching agricultural conservation techniques and other aspects.

### Donors WFP’s Country Strategic Plan in 2020 and 2021

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