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 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 the children under 5 years of age. Over 2.9 million people face severe acute food insecurity, according to the 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.

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Photo: Students benefiting from the WFP Emergency School Feeding Programme in Cabo Delgado. © WFP/Yuri Andrade.

Operational Updates
- WFP was able to provide life-saving food assistance to 925,000 people in northern Mozambique in September. Due to limited resources, WFP continues to provide half monthly rations equivalent to 39 percent of the daily kcals.
- To ensure that WFP is reaching the most vulnerable people in Northern Mozambique, it will be implementing a vulnerability-based targeting exercise for IDPs and host communities from October.
- WFP considers that investing in development and livelihood projects is fundamental for the long-term stability and peace in Cabo Delgado. Thus, in September WFP started a livelihood programme in Balama district and expects to launch new projects in Ibo, Metuge, and Melucu districts.
- WFP managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported nearly 600 passengers from different humanitarian organizations and transported 1.5 mt of light humanitarian relief items.
- WFP needs USD 18.3 million per month to sustain the northern Mozambique operation.

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 September, around 16,000 families (80,000 people) received cash entitlements in Tete Province. Distributions in Zambezia to around 84,000 families (420,000 people) are expected to start in October. All disbursements in the two provinces are being made with e-money modalities (M-PESA).
- WFP continues supporting national institutions in using social protection programmes to respond to natural shocks and seasonal food insecurity, hence supporting long-term resilience building.

School Feeding
- WFP currently assists nearly 300,000 children with school meals, 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, 47,000 children receive school meals thanks to donations from Canada, while in Nampula province, over 28,000 students receive school meals supported by a private sector partnership. As part of the Emergency School Feeding Programme, WFP reached over 91,000 students in August 2021 in Cabo Delgado, Manica, Sofala and Zambezia provinces, funded by the Global Partnership for Education.

Nutrition
Cabo Delgado Emergency Response – Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP)
- The BSFP programme, to prevent moderate acute malnutrition among displaced children, consists of providing Super Cereal Plus to displaced children aged between 6 and 59 months.

In Numbers
1,235,871 people assisted in September 2021
2,544 MT of food assistance dispatched
USD 1.7 million cash-based transfers made
USS 183 m six months (October 2021 – March 2022) net funding requirements
### 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:**
- Food and cash-based transfers
- Early recovery and treatment of malnutrition
- Food assistance to refugees

#### Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and income

**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:** 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 5: Partners are supported by WFP expertise

**Strategic Outcome 5:** 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

### Donors (2020 and 2021)

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