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## WFP Mozambique

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



**372,323** people assisted (51.6% female)



**3,263 MT** food distributed



**USD 214,106** cash transferred



**USD 134 M** required in the next six months (APR – SEP 2026)



**1.3 M people** received early warning messages in Gaza and Sofala



**739** passengers and **64.10** tons of humanitarian cargo transported

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- In Cabo Delgado, 212,695 conflict-affected people received food assistance in March, which represents 80 percent of the plan.
- As floodwaters receded, 87,105 people (99% of the planned caseload) in Gaza and Maputo provinces received return kits, supporting safe returns and early recovery.
- To address rising malnutrition risks in conflict-affected Cabo Delgado, WFP supported Government-led services by delivering 118.8 tons of nutrition foods to 112 health facilities to support children and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Mozambique continues to face a multi-dimensional humanitarian crisis driven by climate shocks, conflict, and socio-economic vulnerability.
- In the south, the worst floods in decades affected more than 720,000 people compounding already high levels of food insecurity following one of the strongest recorded droughts.
- Over 530,000 livestock and 440,000 hectares of cropland were lost, with needs expected to rise as harvest losses in key breadbasket zones reduce food access and livelihoods.
- While floodwaters are receding and returns are underway, humanitarian needs remain high as families begin to recover. Many households are returning to areas with damaged infrastructure and limited basic services, at the peak of the lean season, when food access is constrained and livelihoods cannot yet be restored.
- At the same time, the security situation in northern Mozambique remained volatile, with sustained attacks by Non-State Armed Groups driving displacement across Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces. Northern Mozambique hosts 506,214 internally displaced persons (IDPs), representing a 9 per cent increase compared to the previous year, reflecting heightened insecurity. Over 715,000 people have returned to their areas of origin, though many remain dependent on assistance due to limited access to land and disrupted basic services.
- WFP supports Government-led response by providing life-saving food and nutrition assistance and common logistics services, while strengthening national systems and resilience in line with the [Country Strategic Plan](#) (2022-2026).

Reporting Period: March 2026

**Photo Caption & Credit:** Transport of food for flood affected populations in Gaza province. WFP/Israel Canga

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### General Food Assistance

#### Northern Mozambique Displacement Crisis

- According to the latest FEWS NET estimates, crisis-level food insecurity (IPC Phase 3) is expected from February to September 2026 in parts of Cabo Delgado and Nampula, driven by ongoing attacks by Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG). Insecurity limits access to land, agricultural inputs, and markets, resulting in below-average food production and income. This increases reliance on humanitarian assistance and heightens risks for vulnerable households.
- In response, WFP continues to provide regular food assistance in Cabo Delgado while also supporting the newly displaced families with once-off distributions of emergency kits when needed.
- Resource constraints have temporarily reduced regular assistance coverage to 265,000 people in March, compared to the usual 425,000, underscoring the urgent need for sustained funding to prevent further deterioration.
- The March regular distribution cycle was finalised in early April due to poor road conditions caused by seasonal rains and ongoing insecurity, which limited access to some communities. 212,695 people received assistance, which represents 80 percent of the target within the month of March.

#### Floods Response in Southern Provinces

- In early 2026, in support of the Government's flood response, WFP assisted over 120,000 displaced people in Gaza and Maputo provinces and supported the return of 87,105 people through the delivery of return kits as floodwaters receded.
- Renewed flooding across multiple provinces has compounded earlier shocks, affecting districts in Gaza, Sofala, Inhambane, Tete, Zambézia, and Cabo Delgado. While conditions have improved in some areas, thousands remain displaced or unable to return due to damaged shelters, lost livelihoods, and access constraints. This prolongs humanitarian needs and underscores the importance of sustained, early, and recovery-oriented support.
- From May, assistance will transition to cash-based support for approximately 150,000 people through national social protection systems, supporting early recovery and strengthening Government-led responses.

### Nutrition

- Government-led nutrition response to displacement and climate shocks continued, with support from WFP to strengthen treatment of acute malnutrition in emergency settings. In Cabo Delgado, 118.8 MT of nutritious foods (Super Cereal Plus and RUSF) were delivered to 112 health facilities, supporting pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under five. Insecurity and climate shocks continue to heighten nutrition risks, making sustained support critical.
- Resilience-linked nutrition actions advanced in March in Sofala province, including seed distribution to 230 households, support to 19 poultry farms, and community awareness reaching 794 people (94% women) helping protect diets, livelihoods, and recovery pathways.



### School-Based Assistance

- The Government of Mozambique, with WFP support, participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> African School Feeding Day in Gaborone, reinforcing commitment to nationally owned school feeding systems. Nationally, the Ministry of Education and Culture marked the event at Macanda Primary School in Namaacha, underscoring high-level political leadership.
- WFP continued supporting the Government's National School Feeding Programme (PRONAE) through complementary programmes, enabling the restart of school meals for the new academic year in targeted areas.
- In March, WFP continued supporting Home-Grown School Feeding Programme reaching 53,000 students in Tete and over 4,000 students in Cabo Delgado. In Cabo Delgado, take-home rations distributions are planned for conflict affected areas such as Macomia and Palma that will benefit more than 20,000 students.
- Joint Government-WFP yearly school seeding planning conference in Tete strengthened coordination and priorities for the 2026 school year.

## Disaster Risk Financing

- Under the Government of Mozambique's Anticipatory Action framework, WFP provided technical and financial support to strengthen national flood preparedness. This enabled the dissemination of early warning messages to 1.3 million people in high-risk river basins and supported the preventive evacuation of 8,741 people, including 4,300 evacuated ahead of flooding in Gaza and Sofala provinces helping protect lives and livelihoods before impacts escalated.
- To reinforce early warning capacity, 19 desktop computers were delivered to weather-station operator rooms across 11 provinces through the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF), strengthening Government readiness and prioritise early, preventive action as climate risks intensify.

## Resilience and Livelihood Support

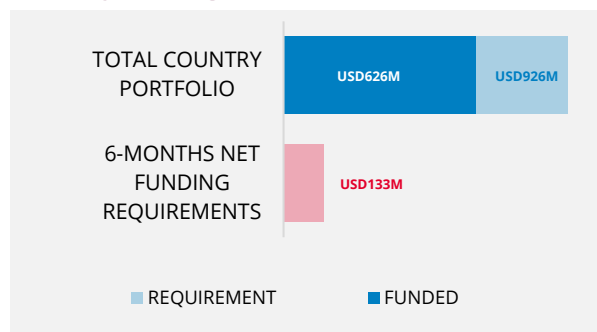
- Government-led resilience efforts advanced despite climate shocks, with district authorities expanding climate-resilient agriculture in Tete and Cabo Delgado. In Tete, 219 smallholder farmers (148 women) were trained in conservation agriculture, and early harvests were recorded despite heavy rains. Savings groups involving 72 members (39 women) mobilised local capital to diversify livelihoods, helping stabilise food production and household resilience.
- Government coordination on Nature-Based Solutions strengthened, with participatory mapping conducted in six communities across Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Zambézia and technical workshops convening provincial and district institutions. Community-selected solutions, including agroforestry nurseries, are now in place, supporting scalable climate adaptation.
- Women's and youth economic inclusion progressed through Government-partnered programmes, with 1,480 women registered, 12 youth groups advancing poultry production, and producer associations achieving legal recognition, strengthening incomes, market access, and resilience while reducing future humanitarian needs.

## UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS)

- In March, UNHAS transported **739 passengers** and **64.10 metric tons of humanitarian cargo**. In total, 41 organizations used UNHAS services.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2022-2026)



## Donors

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Beneficiaries receiving return kits in Gaza Province. WFP/Israel Canga



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