

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Mozambique

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

Mozambique remains one of the poorest countries in the world, particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. With more than half of the nation's population living below the poverty line and some 700,000 people displaced by the floods in 2000-1, critical support is needed for adequate preparedness capacity to respond to emergencies.

The latest surveys show that almost 1 in 5 children dies before reaching age 5. 40% of under-5 children suffer from chronic malnutrition, and more than 1 in 2 children do not complete primary education. More than 1 in 2 women are illiterate. The well being of women and children is further challenged by cholera and measles outbreaks, food insecurity and HIV/AIDS, with an estimated prevalence of 14.9% among 15 to 49 year olds. As a consequence, an increasing number of orphaned children is reported, with maternal orphans becoming particularly vulnerable.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF coordinates its humanitarian assistance programme together with UN agencies, Line Ministries, NGOs, the National Vulnerability Assessment Committee, and the National AIDS Council.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will procure and distribute essential drugs, vitamin A, impregnated mosquito nets, additional equipment and supplies particularly in epidemic-prone areas. UNICEF will also support essential training to health personnel on appropriate health care, surveillance and response, including HIV/AIDS and nutrition.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will pre-position emergency water and sanitation supplies, and support the provision of safe water supplies and sanitation facilities in affected schools and health centres. UNICEF will also strengthen community capacities in maintaining water points and promoting safe hygiene practices.

Education: UNICEF will build capacities of school councils, in relation to gender issues, nutrition and HIV/AIDS prevention. Additionally, UNICEF will monitor school attendance and drop-out rates, promote schools as child friendly environment and distribute pupil kits and school kits in the affected areas.

Child Protection: UNICEF will develop special Child Protection capacities in relation to HIV/AIDS, to develop a network of community mobilizers and social workers. Additionally, UNICEF will promote birth registration and advocate for increased access to basic social services for all children.

<b>Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005</b>	
<b>Sector</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Health and Nutrition	5,100,000
Water and Environmental Sanitation	1,650,000
Education	1,120,000
Child Protection	1,100,000
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>8,970,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12%. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.