



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

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HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

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Mr. President,

1. Mozambique would like to thank Ms. Lana Wreikat, Director for the Office of Emergency Programme, for her comprehensive presentation on the Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action.
2. Mozambique welcomes the report and the results that UNICEF was able to achieve in 2023, under difficult circumstances.
3. Nevertheless, we remain concerned over the high number of children recorded to be in need of humanitarian assistance in 2023, as a result of a complex combination of factors such as conflicts, climate change and economic crises.
4. The overall increase of violations against children, particularly the six grave violations, deserve our particular attention.

5. It is encouraging to note that despite the challenges faced, UNICEF was able to respond to more than 400 humanitarian crises around the world, contributing to increase access to clean water and sanitation, vaccines, education, among other services.
6. In this regard, we welcome the positive collaboration with the World Health Organization, Governments and other partners, in providing support and the aforementioned services for children and their families affected by public health emergencies. This includes Mozambique, where UNICEF's support has been detrimental in reducing mortality rates due to cholera outbreaks, particularly in the northern provinces of the country.
7. We further welcome the implementation of the recommendations of the second evaluation of UNICEF role as a humanitarian cluster lead or co-lead agency, that as allowed humanitarian

coordination to be more accessible and relevant for local women's organizations.

8. Before concluding, Mr. President, we would appreciate additional information on two issues:

- **First**, an overall estimate of the number of people, including children, that received humanitarian assistance from UNICEF in 2023, out of the 364.6 million people estimated to be in need;
- **Second**, the prospects for humanitarian funding in 2024, taking into account the funding gap verified in 2023, including the options under consideration in case of persistence of funding shortfalls.

I thank you!