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MOZAMBIQUE

Flash Update 2
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Situation Update

- UNICEF’s WASH, Child Protection, Health, Nutrition and Education teams participated in interagency assessments in both Chiure and Erati between February 23-24.
- Assessments show the need for increased support for water and sanitation, child protection, shelter, and civil documentation.
- Figures in Erati (Nampula) and Chiure (Cabo Delgado) are fluid. Registrations in Erati District restarted on February 25th, but new figures are not yet available.
- Approximately 61 per cent of IDPs are children.
- In Erati District, the majority of IDPs are staying with host families; one transit centre at a primary school has been established.
- 52 children have reported that they are separated from their carers.
- 125 schools are closed including 109 in Cabo Delgado and 16 schools in Momba District, Nampula Province. Of these, four schools in Chiure suffered damage in the recent attacks.
- 10,900 people (2,500 households) are in seven displacement sites within Chiure (Maningane, Muajaja, Kuphe, Namitua, Nahavara, Meriha, and Namisir); an undetermined number of IDPs are staying with host communities.
- In addition to displacements in Chiure district, There are about 18,000 people from Chiure fled to four displacement sites in Metuge District.
- Cabo Delgado and Nampula had active cholera outbreaks prior to the most recent displacement; each province currently has six districts with outbreaks—including both Chiure and Erati Districts.

Situation in Numbers



33,218
IDPs in Nampula

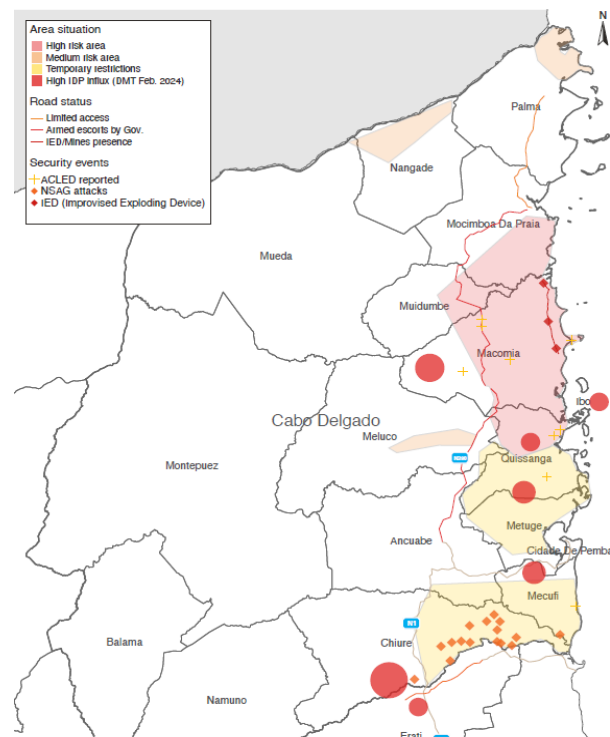
38,463
IDPs in Cabo Delgado
(figures as of 25 Feb for Erati and 27 Feb for Cabo)



43,725 IDP children (61%)



125 schools closed
affecting the learning of
68,300 children





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UNICEF Response



Cholera

- Prepositioned health supplies are being used in Erati already and additional supplies are in the province for reallocation if necessary.
- The cholera treatment centre (CTC) received 15 IDPs—most staying with host families—and UNICEF’s teams are following up with host families to ensure appropriate case-area targeted intervention activities are conducted.
- UNICEF has worked with medical staff in the CTC to improve patient flow and is constructing separate sanitation facilities to improve infection prevention and control.
- Additional cholera response partners are being mobilized.
- Chiure district has a history of cholera-related disinformation and violence, with populations attacking cholera treatment infrastructure and staff.



Health and Nutrition

- UNICEF is supporting integrated mobile brigades in transit centres ensuring arrivals have access to basic medical services and referrals for more advanced care when needed.
- Five kits for community health workers provided to Chiure health authorities, which will support the treatment of basic illnesses in 1,250 children.
- In Chiure and Erati Districts, UNICEF is screening and treating children and pregnant women for acute malnutrition.
- UNICEF is supporting community-based integrated nutrition programmes in multiple communities.



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Government health staff providing support and nutrition monitoring at a food distribution (Erati)



WASH

- UNICEF’s WASH supplies to support emergency sanitation have arrived in Erati District and will be used in transit centres and other areas identified.
- UNICEF is supporting water trucking in accommodations centres to ensure IDPs have access to clean water.
- UNICEF allocated supplies from prepositioned emergency stocks including a flexible water tank, soap, buckets, and water purification supplies.
- To ensure displaced populations have access to clean and safe water, UNICEF has undertaken a rapid field assessment and water quality tests including microbiologic tests and is repairing two handpumps in Chiure

Joint Response Programme partners UNICEF, World Food Programme and International Organization for Migration have reached 1,182 households in Chiure District with assistance already and another 1,236 households will be reached in coming days. JRP partners helped to establish multiple distribution teams to reach multiple locations concurrently.



Child Protection

- UNICEF is supporting the rapid registration of unaccompanied and separated children is ongoing in both Chiure and Erati Districts as well as family tracing and reunification activities.
- Two children, girls 4 and 5 years old, have been reunited with their families in Erati.
- UNICEF provided psychosocial first aid to unaccompanied children and caregivers who are separated from their children.
- Recreation kits and other supplies to support child-friendly spaces are en route to Erati District.



Education

- UNICEF has tents for both temporary learning spaces as well as recreational kits, school-in-a-box kits and learners kits available once appropriate sites are identified and needs clarified.
- UNICEF is advocating for the identification of alternative facilities for IDPs so that schools can be reopened in Erati District.



Social Behaviour Change

- UNICEF has scaled up social behaviour change activities to help promote hygiene, provide information on services and ensure IDPs have access to feedback and complaints mechanisms.
- A mobile media unit has moved to Erati to support sensitization activities, particularly around cholera hygiene messages.



PSEA

- A PSEA refresher training was undertaken for frontline staff
- UNICEF reached nearly 2,560 people with awareness-raising sessions during IDP registration activities in Erati transit centres.
- Community radios are disseminating PSEA radio spots through mobile units at transit centres and surrounding areas to help reinforce the messages and feedback options.

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