

NRC's operations in Mozambique

Humanitarian overview

In the last five years, Mozambique has experienced disasters and armed conflict involving non-state armed groups in the north. The conflict, mostly concentrated in Cabo Delgado province, also affected Niassa and Nampula provinces.

According to the 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan, 1.7 million people are in need of assistance, including 577,545 (June 2024) who remain internally displaced, including 28 per cent women and an alarming 52 per cent children under the age of 18. The conflict has impacted economic activities in the region, resulting in the suspension of gas activity. Military support has been given from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and from Rwanda to stabilise the situation. However, the progressive withdrawal of troops starting July 2024, combined with uncertainties linked to national elections has prompted a general increase in tensions and insecurity. Some internally displaced people (IDPs) have begun returning home since 2022 and as of June 2024, over 610,732 have now returned, though precarious conditions in areas of origin have often resulted in secondary displacements.

Humanitarian assistance, centred around settlements with increased focus on host communities and return areas, remains affected by funding gaps and a small humanitarian presence, particularly in hard-to-reach areas.



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Our core activities



Education



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Livelihoods
and food security



Shelter
and settlements

NRC in Mozambique

Established	2021
International staff	8
National staff	95

Our areas of operation

- Cabo Delgado
- Nampula
- Zambezia
- Maputo



Our activities in detail

NRC has provided first-line humanitarian response since 2021 with multi-sector activities in shelter, education, food security, information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA), and rapid response deployment.

Our focus is on supporting people in hard-to-reach areas, working in partnership with authorities and local actors. We are an essential cash-based actor in Mozambique, using the modality transversally across our programmes, and are working with local authorities to support the development of policy relating to displacement management and disaster risk reduction. On a policy level, we work to support IDP national policy by leading a consortium with UNHCR and IOM, supporting the National Institute for Disaster Management.



4,247 people reached in 2023 ▼

Education

We work to ensure that conflict-affected children can access quality education. The focus of our Education in Emergencies work is on children living in displacement sites and in host communities. In cooperation with the education authorities, our activities include:

- support for formal and non-formal education, including remedial classes
- distribution of student, teacher and school kits with supplies
- teacher training
- construction of temporary learning spaces and/or rehabilitation of existing learning facilities
- supporting the development and implementation of the national accelerated education curriculum



21,190 people reached in 2023 ▼

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Our ICLA programme assists conflict-affected people with accessing civil documentation. This allows people to, among other things, access basic services, own a mobile phone used for banking purposes, and exercise their right of movement. In cooperation with the authorities, we help facilitate the issuing of birth certificates and national IDs. We also work to strengthen authorities' capacity to issue key documentation in the most affected areas and work with and train community judges to address housing, land and property issues through collaborative dispute resolution schemes.



18,135 people reached in 2023 ▼

Livelihoods and food security

Through our livelihoods and food security programme, we aim to facilitate durable solutions for the people we work with, whether they live in a host community or a settlement site. Our activities include:

- start and improve your own business training
- economic recovery (small start-up grants)
- Community Action Planning for socio-economic improvements and social cohesion



16,763 people reached in 2023 ▼

Shelter and settlements

Through our shelter programme, we assist people throughout different phases of displacement – from lifesaving emergency support to durable solutions in displacement or return contexts. Our shelter and settlements work includes:

- distribution of non-food items (NFIs)
- emergency shelter kit distribution
- technical shelter support
- shelter upgrades
- multi-purpose cash support (RRM)

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