

NRC's operations in Mozambique

Humanitarian overview

In its ninth year, the conflict in northern Mozambique has evolved into a complex humanitarian crisis, compounded by recurrent climate shocks. The conflict remains concentrated in Cabo Delgado but has increasingly spread to areas previously considered more stable, including parts of Nampula and Niassa. Activity by organised armed groups (OAGs) has triggered large-scale new and repeated displacement, with 663,664 people currently internally displaced. Around 730,000 people have returned home, but insecurity and limited basic services in some areas of return have forced many families to flee again. Security operations continue with Mozambican and Rwandan forces present in Cabo Delgado, following the closure of the SADC regional mission in 2024.

Humanitarian needs remain severe, with at least 1.3 million people in northern Mozambique requiring urgent assistance due to conflict. Many displaced and returning families have repeatedly lost homes, livelihoods and access to basic services. Food insecurity, inadequate shelter, limited water and sanitation, disrupted education and protection risks continue to deepen vulnerability, while communities hosting displaced families are increasingly stretched.

At the same time, major funding cuts have sharply reduced the humanitarian response. Limited resources are increasingly concentrated in the most severely affected areas, leaving many newly affected and hard-to-reach communities with little assistance and vulnerable households with limited capacity to recover before the next crisis



Our core activities



Education



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Livelihoods
and food security



Shelter
and settlements



Water, sanitation and hygiene
(WASH)

NRC Mozambique

Established	2021
International staff	11
National staff	99

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 digital cash and voucher-based actor in Mozambique, using the innovative modality transversally across our programmes, and are a key counterpart for local authorities and the National Institute for Disaster Management, by supporting the development of various policies, including those relating to cash and vouchers, displacement management and disaster risk reduction.



10 youth initiatives supported in 2025

Education

We are scaling up our work in 2026 to ensure that conflict-affected children and youth can access quality education, learning and skills development opportunities. The focus of our work is on children and youth living in displacement sites and in host communities. In cooperation with the education authorities, local stakeholders and youth actors, our activities include:

- youth programming through safe learning and community spaces, including digital skills, life skills, peer learning and access to ICT resources through a youth empowerment/digital hub
- financial and technical support to youth-led community initiatives
- 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



33,588 people reached in 2025 ▼

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.



83,095 people reached in 2025 ▼

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/post-conflict rehabilitations
- piloting and prototyping climate-friendly solutions to the shelter crisis
- multi-purpose cash/voucher support



1,194 people reached in 2025 ▼

Livelihoods and food security

Our programme supports conflict-affected displaced, returnees, and host communities to strengthen socio-economic recovery. We

combine market analysis, skills development, cash/voucher-based support, and engagement with local businesses and service providers to improve access to market-driven opportunities and support community durable solutions.

Our activities include:

- market assessment and monitoring
- cash and voucher-based assistance
- skills training and coaching
- financial support (start-up and scale-up grants) for economic initiatives
- community action planning for socio-economic improvements and social cohesion



Launch of new programme ▼

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Our new WASH programme is supporting conflict-affected communities to improve access to safe water, sanitation and climate-sensitive solutions. Our activities include:

- rehabilitation and construction of boreholes and water points
- household and community-level rainwater harvesting systems

Mozambique – Rapid Response Mechanism (MOZ-RRM)

NRC leads the MOZ-RRM, working with partners including Solidarités International, Action Contre la Faim, Save the Children, PRONANAC, Impact Initiatives and FDC to deliver first-line assistance after sudden shocks. The mechanism enables rapid, coordinated and multi-sector support to newly displaced and crisis-affected communities, including emergency cash and vouchers, shelter, WASH, health and nutrition, education and protection. MOZ-RRM also strengthens disaster preparedness and coordination so that humanitarian actors can respond faster, reduce gaps and prioritise communities most in need.

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