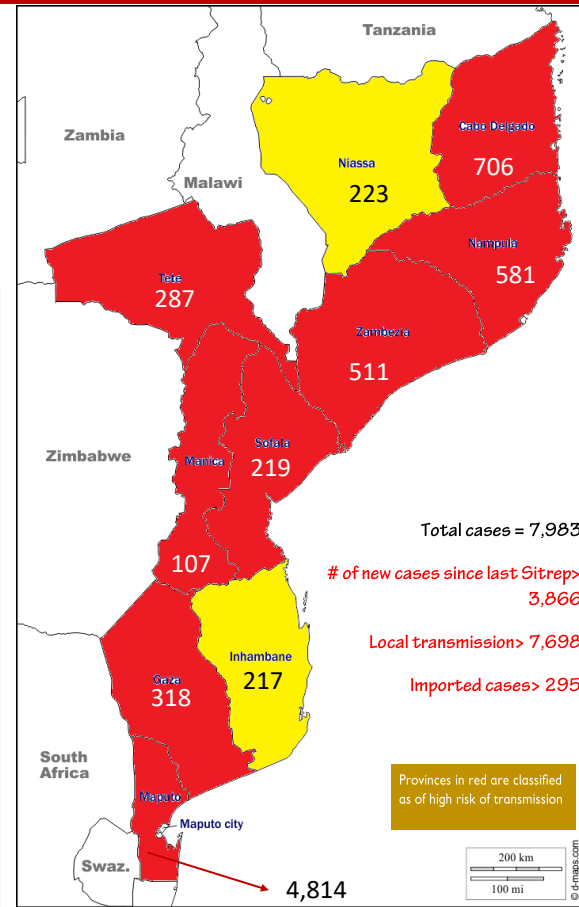
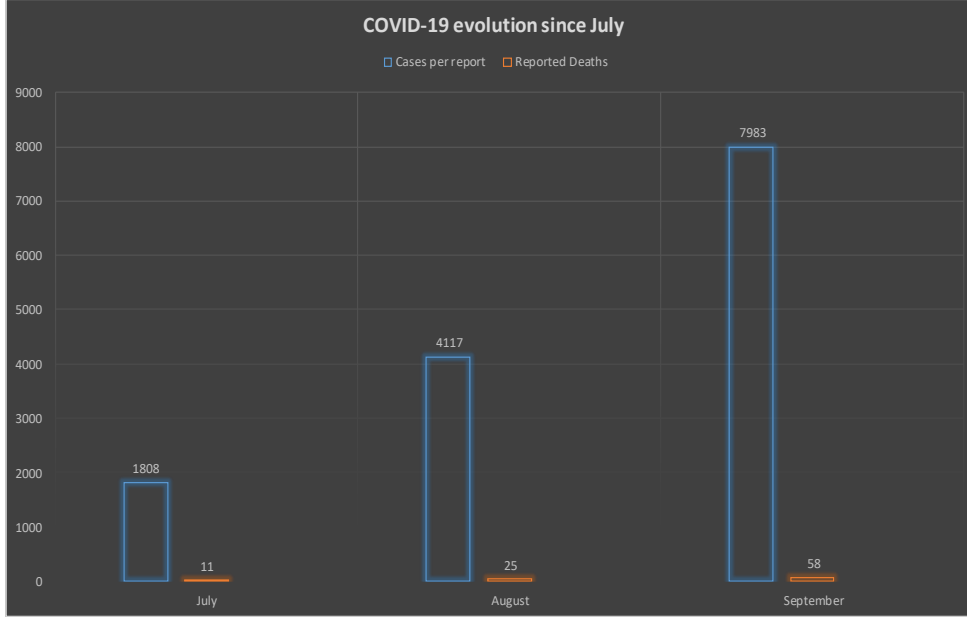


General Overview

This black chart below shows the evolution of COVID-19 in Mozambique over the last three months and clearly shows the exponential scale of cases and deaths.

The current daily average is of one death, five hospitalisations and 145 new cases. COVID-19 transmission has accelerated so fast that now of the 11 provinces of Mozambique, only two are considered to be of lower risk at present, namely Inhambane and Niassa. In our last report (3 September), only four provinces were regarded as high risk.



In his last communication to the Nation, on 4 September, the President of Mozambique, Filipe Nyusi, announced the transition from the State of Emergency to a “Situation of Public Calamity”, indefinitely, effective from September 7, but the main restrictive measures are maintained. However, there is some relief for some economic and social sectors. The opening of international airspace on a reciprocal basis with Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Portugal, Qatar and Turkey is worthy of mention. Also the beaches were opened to the general public on the 15th of September, but their re-closure is being considered after mass parties were observed which the authorities considered a clear disrespect of protective measures.

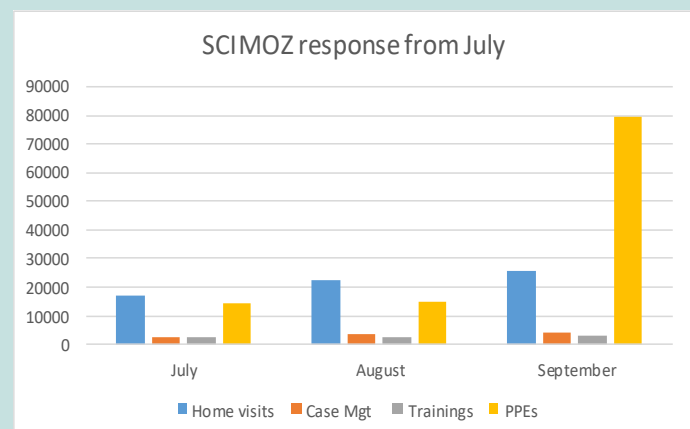


Part of the 32,445 items of PPE delivered by Save the Children to the Provincial Health Directorate of Zambézia

Government, maintaining its active participation in the clusters and delivering Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) to the Government through the Provincial Health Directorates. In September, we delivered 67,420 items of PPEs to Zambézia, Nampula and Cabo Delgado provincial health authorities for use in hospitals and health centres. Our response scale has followed the evolution of the pandemic in Mozambique, as can be seen in the chart on the right, which shows the scale of home visits, child case management, community health worker and activist trainings, and PPEs we have supported over the past three months.

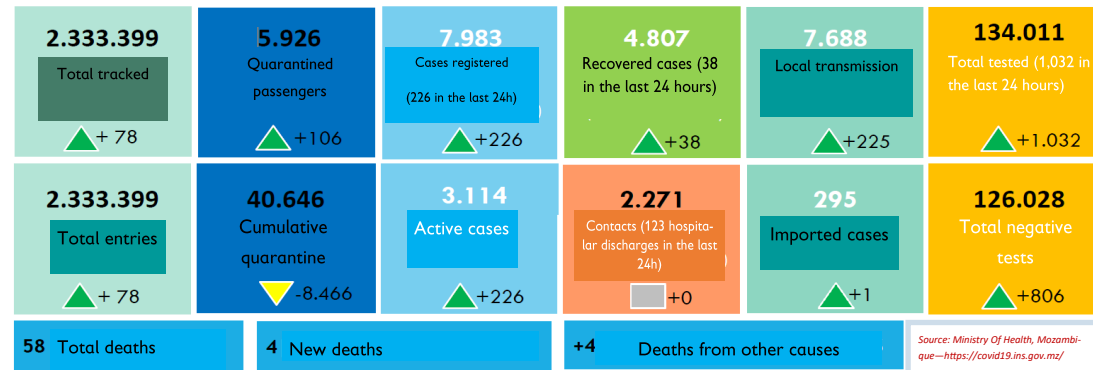
Meanwhile, the sero-epidemiological surveys continue. After Nampula, Pemba, Maputo, Quelimane and Tete, the city of Beira is now conducting this exercise, and it is expected to cover around 6,000 people. Save the Children has allocated three cars to assist the Government conducting this survey in Beira. These surveys help the Government to identify the places with the greatest circulation of the virus among the population in general and among professional groups, to guide the design of response strategies.

Save the Children continues to collaborate with the



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Epidemiological situation in Mozambique as of September, 27, 2020



Government

The Government

continues to try to find a balance between some relaxation of restrictive measures and the increasing trend of apparent non-compliance by citizens, and this is why it is considering reintroducing some preventative measures, such as the closure of beaches. Here are the highlights of the Government in recent days:

- The Technical-Scientific Commission of COVID-19, chaired by the President of Mozambique, met on 17 September and concluded that there was a general tendency for non-compliance with preventive measures. Of particular concern were the non-use of masks, lack of social distancing, and disrespect for the limit on the number of participants at public and private events.
- The results of the Survey on the Impact of COVID-19 on companies, carried out by the National Institute of Statistics of Mozambique, between June and July, were released and it shows that close to 44,000 workers have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, affecting thousands more children and their families.
- Over 367 Mozambicans have been repatriated from South Africa in the past few days, which increases the fear of imported cases, considering that it is the African country with the highest number of COVID-19 cases. The Government nevertheless has assured that it has it under full control and is tracking the deportees.

Our response

Save the Children has been strongly engaged in the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to the Government of Mozambique, almost all of this made possible through the generous support of the Child Sponsorship programme (\$91,000). This action not only strengthens trust with the government, and above all, helps to ensure the protection of health workers, and keep the transmission chain from leaving medical premises. Other actions this month include:

CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

- Save the Children supported the 3R Plataforma (the group of 3 Civil Society networks working on child rights in Mozambique) to start to disseminate daily case rate information among children (0-14 years old). It is interesting to note that although children are tested in lower numbers than adults, over 10% of Mozambique's cumulative COVID cases are children aged 0-14. Also while more men than women have tested positive for COVID by significant numbers, cumulative COVID prevalence is slightly higher amongst girls than amongst boys. This will also be the basis for further child-focused advocacy, including the importance of collecting and disseminating age disaggregated data (0-18 years).

AWARENESS & CAMPAIGNS

- Under the NORAD project in Manica, in Macossa district, 15 communities benefited from 303 home visits, reaching 953 adults and 282 children with the aim of monitoring family health and strengthening the knowledge of preventive measures. Nine awareness campaigns were carried out in small groups, reaching 319 adults and 31 children. Also 10 megaphones were distributed to community animators in Tambara district to support their COVID-19 community awareness campaigns on COVID-19 and help improve protection awareness.
- The Emergency Response project, with the support of OFDA II, resumed mobile brigades operations. These brigades follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and respects all security measures. Teams composed of health technicians and nutrition counselors, plus community nutrition and new COVID-19 activists reached 2,106 people this month.



A snapshot of the data produced by the 3R platform, pulling out Children's information on COVID-19 (in portuguese only)

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Our response

- Also through OFDA II funding in Manica district (Chitunga and Mavonde communities) a consultation session was carried out to gauge levels of understanding and knowledge on COVID-19 prevention measures, as well as address rumours and misconceptions. The meeting was attended by 50 community actors among leaders, practitioners of traditional medicine, activists, and members of the Community Child Protection Committee.
- Save the Children-Cabo Delgado, continues to conduct awareness-raising sessions led by the Child Protection team using UNICEF funds, where in addition to the

intervention communities, it has constantly scaled Metuge resettlement centers to maintain the balance of knowledge of prevention and response of COVID-19, by families and children. These sessions have been attended and controlled so that the maximum number of participants does not exceed the recommended number of 10, in addition to obeying the social distance between participants, also using masks. 27 community awareness sessions were held with the participation of 159 people, 64 adults (32 men and 32 women) and 95 children (47 boys and 48 girls). In the same period, the capacity of Case Workers was strengthened by a total of 11, 3 men and 8 women, through training in the prevention of Covid-19, so that they can safely transmit messages to communities and children in particular.



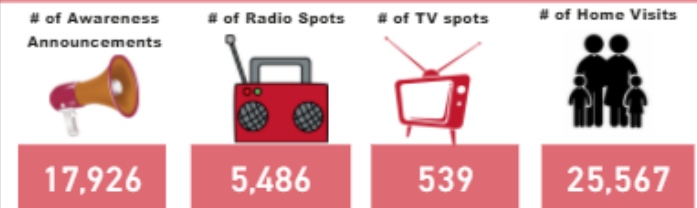
EDUCATION

- In Sofala province, under DEC funds, we equipped a car with loudspeakers (see picture insert) to broadcast prevention messaging. This vehicle rotates once a week in the districts of Beira, Dondo, Nhamatanda and Búzi. At the same time, different teams are conducting door to door public awareness sessions in the same districts, with the aim of ensuring that the communities know and put in place preventive measures against COVID-19. The door to door sessions reached 4,791 people (3,733 women and 1,058 men) and the children within these homes.

SCIMOZ reach figures dashboard as of September, 27, 2020

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Awareness



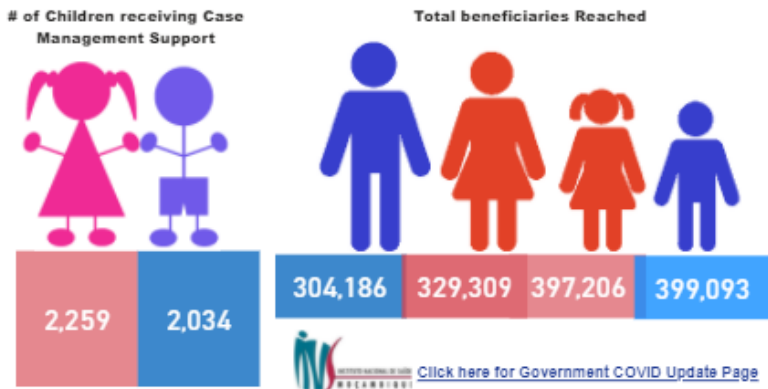
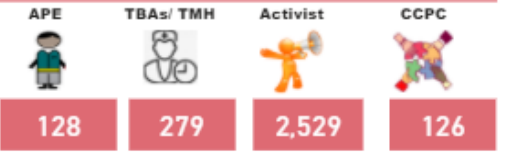
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 - Chongoene
 - Derre



Distributions



COVID-19 Related Trainings



RESPONSE UPDATES

Our response

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Under the NORAD project, we distributed 111 backpacks to Ambulante 'mobile' teachers and reading promoters, who in turn support about 12,000 children with their studies during the school shutdown period in the Tambara district in Manica.
- 840 Children were reached through door-to-door early childhood education under the Kudziua project (AICS-Italy). This initiative aims to ensure that children enrolled in schools this year can continue to follow the activities of the ECCD curriculum in their homes, and at the same time adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures, to avoid transmission of COVID-19 to and by children.



An educator ensures the continuity of the ECCD curriculum through home sessions, thanks to the adaptation of the (AICS-Italy) Kudziua project



Judas Massingue, Acting Nampula Provincial Program Manager, right, handing over the PPEs to a representative of the government in Nampula province on September, 16.

- Since the resumption, in August, of the sexual and reproductive health counseling services under the Ungumi project (GAC-Canada) in Zambézia, 18 mobile brigades have so far reached 782 girls and 601 boys aged 10-19 years in the districts of Milange, Morrumbala and Derre. These are children and adolescents who live in areas very far from the health units and so would otherwise not be able to access these vital services, such as for menstrual hygiene management, family planning, safe sexual practices, etc.

- In Sofala province, with DEC funds, 2,995 model-mothers were trained in Cyclone Idai resettlement centers in the districts of Dondo, Buzi and Nhamatanda. It is expected that through this support they will adopt improved attitudes of hygiene and nutrition as a way to reinforce the prevention of COVID-19 mainly among babies and



children under five-years old. Model mothers, pregnant teenagers, student mothers and caregivers of children under-five, and men who accompanied their wives were part of this. The training sessions also included demonstrations on how to prepare enriched porridge.

- In the Tambara district of Manica, with funds from NORAD, we trained eight "matronas" (women taking care of other women) on the manufacture of reusable sanitary pads and homemade masks for COVID-19 in eight communities. The trained women expect to make kits for 3,000 families within their communities to help support community hygiene, an essential need in times of COVID.
- In Nampula, the PPEs acquired under the Sponsorship program were delivered to the Provincial Health Sector. These consisted of more than 18,000 items, including surgical, examination and heavy-duty gloves, nurses' aprons, protective overalls with and without face shields, goggles, simple face masks and N95 masks, and work boots. This was the largest donation of PPE equipment that Province Health Directorate has received.
- Meanwhile, the Zambézia team delivered 32,445 items of critical PPE to the provincial health authorities for use in public hospitals and Cabo Delgado delivered 11,975 items.

CHILD PROTECTION

- Save the Children, through the Ungumi project (GAC-Canada), is training Community Child Protection Committees to respond to possible cases of child rights violations related to increasing children's exposure to domestic violence. Training is taking place in the districts of Milange, Morrumbala and Derre.

COVID-19 FUNDRAISING

Secured	\$ 1,313,000
COVID-specific award:	OFDA (through COSACA, CARE) COVID-19 Response in Manica (\$350k)
COVID programming within multi-themed awards:	
OFDA Multi Sector (through COSACA, CARE) (Sofala, Manica, Cabo Delgado)	
Child Sponsorship (Nampula and nationwide)	
ECHO (Cabo Delgado)	
SIDA (Cabo Delgado)	
UNICEF (Sofala, Manica, Cabo Delgado)	
Irish Aid (Cabo Delgado)	
GAIN (Sofala)	
DEC II (Sofala, Manica)	
SC Italy supporters (Gaza)	