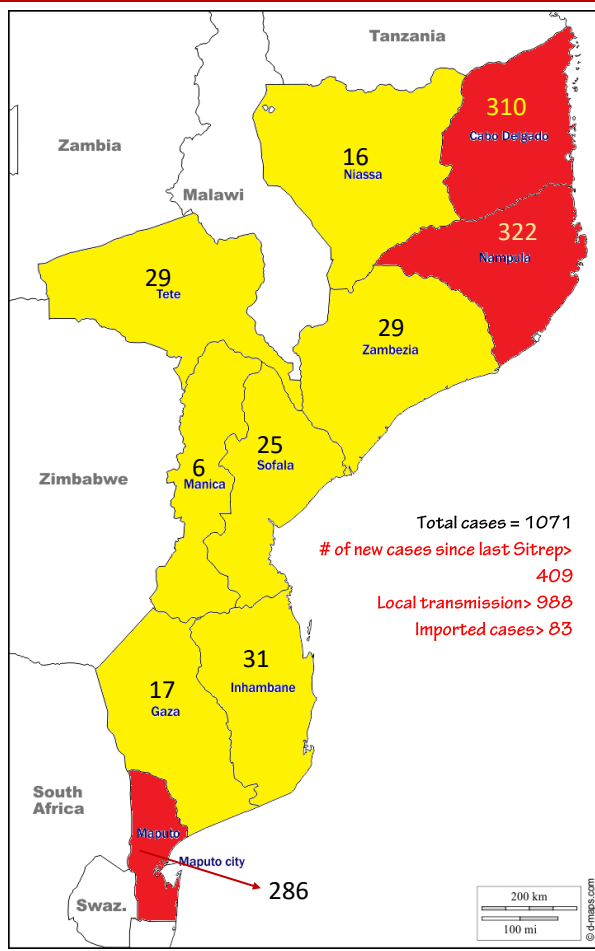


General Overview

The confirmed number of COVID-19 cases in Mozambique has surpassed one thousand. In 108 days of the pandemic, the official cases are now 1071 – 409 more than the number we reported just over two weeks ago. The first State of Emergency in the country was declared on March 30, 2020, entering the restrictions of phase 3 (out of four phases). On June 28, the Government extended the State of Emergency for the third time, entering the country into the fourth consecutive month of level 3 restrictions, but with relaxation of some measures, such as the authorisation of flights to selected countries and on a reciprocal basis. This measure is justified by the need for investors and some specialists to boost tourism and business. The most important measure to be enforced during this period is the resumption of classes in primary and secondary schools, as well for higher education. According to the President of Mozambique, the restart will take place in three phases, to be announced in the next coming days. In general, the re-opening of schools will run gradually, starting with the higher classes. The Government noted, however, that depending on the epidemiological situation or the ability to comply with the recommended preventive measures, some schools or regions of the country may start their face-to-face activities later. This vision is in line with Save the Children and its partners' position on a safe return to school.



The Government also changed the system of rotational work, from the 1/3 of staff previously allowed to 1/2 of workers now allowed. Other actions within the scope of the preventive measures at this stage include the reorganisation of the markets, the strengthening of control for passenger transport and long-haul cargo drivers.

Meanwhile, the pandemic is progressing at an accelerated pace across the country, but the areas declared community transmission remains only the provinces of Nampula (322 cases) and Cabo Delgado (310 cases). Maputo has a cumulative of 286 cases and is the third most affected province in the country. In order to avoid moving to the community transmission phase, municipal authorities throughout the country have been engaged in campaigns to disinfect and reorganise the main markets. In fact, the sero-epidemiological study that took place in the city of Nampula, and was published 1 July, reveal that market vendors have the highest exposure rate (21%) to COVID compared to any other group. There was also a large discrepancy between those the anti-body tests and the PCR confirmed cases: 410 people tested positive in the sero-survey whereas cases in Nampula on the 1st of July stood at 299. This may indicate that more people have been exposed to COVID-19 than those that are identified through surveillance activities.

In general, 35,696 people have already been tested in Mozambique, of which 34,625 tested negative and 1071 tested positive. Of these, 988 are of local transmission and 83 are imported. There are eight (8) official deaths (four more than we reported in our last report) and two (2) COVID-19 patients who passed away due to other causes. Adults (19+) dominate the most affected age group. Minors in the 0-19 age group make up about 15% of all cases. There is a cumulative of 26 individuals hospitalized due to COVID-19, of which 5 are still under hospital care. 337 people are classified as recovered. This is a scenario of relief to the fragile health system in Mozambique and responds, in part, to the Government's intentions to flatten the epidemiological curve until December.

In his speech to the nation, the President of Mozambique said that many citizens still do not know how, when and why to wear a facemask, having recommended to local authorities to re-double their efforts to raise awareness among the public, as well as police the use of masks in places of gathering such as markets, public roads, public transport, bus stops, etc.

Epidemiological situation in Mozambique as of July, 8, 2020

1.270.255 Total tracked ▲ + 5.783	2.311 Quarantined passengers ▲ +7	1.071* Cases registered (31 in the last 24h) ▲ +31	337 Recovered cases (57 in the last 24 hours) ▲ +57	988 Local transmission ▲ +30	35.696 Total tested (556 in the last 24 hours) ▲ +556
1.270.255 Total entries ▲ + 5.783	20.907 Cumulative quarantine ▲ + 24	724 Active cases ▲ +31	3.282 Contacts (27 hospitalar discharges in the last 24h) ▲ +85	83 Imported cases ▲ +1	34.625 Total negative tests ▲ +525

Save the Children's approach remains focused on mobilising and working with communities to better prevent and cope with the impacts of the pandemic, as well as to support government efforts to strengthen the health system. Last week we received the first large-scale batch of PPE that will further help our staff and health professionals we work with protect against COVID-19.

8 Total deaths	4 New deaths	+2* Deaths from other causes
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Source: Ministry Of Health, Mozambique—<https://covid19.ins.gov.mz/>

RESPONSE UPDATES

Government:

With the continuation of the State of Emergency, the Government appears to be fighting two battles: saving the national economy from a potential collapse and; preventing the pandemic from spreading to levels that jeopardize its response capacity. Last week the Government has announced that about 1 billion meticaís (USD 14.5 Million) is available to support small and medium-sized businesses in crisis due to the pandemic, to help maintain jobs. The partial opening of airspace for international flights, although with some restrictions, shows the Government's willingness to combine prevention while keeping the economic machine active. Here are some of the Government's achievements:



Launching ceremony of the community response strategy to COVID-19 in Nampula city

- Community Response Strategy to Combat COVID-19 launched. This ceremony was marked by the dissemination of the results of the SARS-CoV-2 sero-epidemiological survey (1st of July) in the city of Nampula. These results allow the Government to better understand the epidemic in Nampula to adapt prevention measures. About 5% of people in the community seem to be infected, and 66% of those infected are asymptomatic. Market vendors are the group with the highest infections at 21%, while among health workers laboratory technicians are the most infected (13%) followed by non-technical staff (8%).
- The Government is preparing a second sero-epidemiological surveys based on rapid tests, in Pemba city, to determine the magnitude of the epidemic.
- A national campaign against discrimination and stigmatization of people with COVID-19 will be launched in the next few days. The Government's fear is that, to avoid being stigmatized, people may not adopt preventive measures, increasing the risk widespread infection.
- The Technical Secretariat for Food and Nutritional Security (SETSAN) revealed that 365,000 people face a food crisis in Maputo and Matola due to the measures imposed to mitigate COVID-19, according to the FEWS — Famine Early Warning Systems Network

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SCIMOZ reach figures dashboard as of 8 of July. [Click here](#) for more details (SCI domain users only)

Awareness

# of Awareness Announcements	# of Radio Spots	# of TV spots	# of Home Visits
14,023	3,384	224	13,124

Distributions

# of PPEs Distributed	WASH materials Products	# of IEC Materials
12,316	15,128	19,809

COVID-19 Related Trainings

APE	TBA/ TMH	Activist	CCPC
111	249	1,728	123

of beneficiaries reached by Month

Man	Woman	Boys	Girls
~0.05M	~0.05M	~0.05M	~0.05M

of Children receiving Case Management Support

1,240	916
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Total beneficiaries Reached

279,796	300,190	374,386	379,843
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Districts

- Angonia
- Barue
- Beira
- Buzi
- Chicualacuala
- Chigubo
- chimoio
- Derre
- Dondo

RESPONSE UPDATES

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Our different projects have integrated COVID-19 as a priority component of their interventions, allowing for a multidimensional response to the needs brought about by the pandemic, from education, health and nutrition, WASH and food security, focusing on the most disadvantaged social groups. In the past two weeks, we have been able to reach an estimated 15,050 more people in all eight provinces where we operate in Mozambique through awareness raising sessions with community members, home visits, and a countless radio and television advertisements. Hygiene equipment distribution and preventive equipment, as well as support initiatives for children's education, with a focus on girls were among our main activities. We also have a strong presence in the main thematic clusters, particularly Health, Protection, Education, Food Security, and we are engaged together with our local and international partners in advocacy initiatives, especially in this crucial phase when we need to ensure a safe return to school. These are some of our recent accomplishments:

CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

- To help raise awareness among children on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Save the Children has supported the production of child-friendly leaflets. The concept is that by mastering these instruments, children will be in a better position to advocate for public officials to take the necessary measures so that their rights are not compromised due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As part of the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child on 11 July, SCIMOZ is working with 3R Platform (the major networks of child rights organisations in Mozambique). Two appearances have already been made on Television in Mozambique on 8 July. Three more are planned between the 10th and the 11th of July on different TV channels. A televised debate is planned in the province of Manica, organized by SCIMOZ in partnership with PLASOC and the provincial broadcaster of TVM in Manica. It is expected that there will be interaction with viewers, with some questions about charter. The best answers will be awarded. In addition, positioning documents are being produced to be inserted in the country's most widely circulated newspaper (Noticias) on the 11th and 13th of July. A child and adult friendly version of Charter was produced. Finally, a brochure containing messages from the Directors of the 3 networks and of the SCIMOZ Country Director will be launched on the 11 of July. All these actions has COVID-19 as cross-cutting issue

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- The Agents of Change, Kudziua project (financed by AICS – Italy) made 1233 home visits in the district of Milange, Zambezia, reaching 11,764 people to discuss COVID-19 prevention, but the Agents also identified possible patient health problems and referred them to health units.
- In Metuge district, in the province of Cabo Delgado, as part of the flood response project, we have been building hygiene and

sanitation levels by distributing 950 hygiene kits to an equal number of households. These contained a 20 liter bucket with tap, a water jug, three bars of soap, a soap dish, handkerchief, nail clippers, toothpaste, toothbrush and a comb.



Part of the equipment donated to the health authorities of Nhamatanda, Sofala

- In Sofala province, SCIMOZ supported the Provincial Directorate of Health with 8,000 fiches (4,000 for Acute Light Respiratory Infection - IARA, and 4,000 for flu control). Additionally, 20 fifty-liter buckets with a tap; 20 metal patient benches, 20 soap boxes; 12 twenty-liter sprayers and 19 Matronas were donated.
- In Nacala-Porto and Nacala-a-Velha, Nampula, the Sponsorship project trained 786 community health actors and 77 school health focal points.
- The Sponsorship team is supporting 42 APEs technically through joint supervision activities carried out in collaboration with local health authorities. In this process, 42 alcohol bottles and 168 bars of soap will be distributed. The project also continues to produce facial masks through community tailors. So far, 12.924 masks have been produced and distributed.
- In Manica, 112 home visits were carried out under the NORAD project, reaching 154 women and 119 men, as well as 40 boys and 43 girls.

Planned Reach and Budget

Theme	# of Beneficiaries
Child Poverty	102,211
Child Protection	7,180,786
Crossthematic	38,939
Education	2,976,272
WASH	71,654
Health & Nutrition	597,075
Total	10,966,937
Response Budget	
Response Target	7,320,000
Secured	1,100,000

RESPONSE UPDATES

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EDUCATION

- In the province of Tete, under the STAR-G project (GEC Moz), community engagement meetings were held in the project intervention communities of the districts of Angónia and Macanga, aimed to develop joint action plans (PACO). These had the participation of different community members to discuss how to improve school management during COVID-19 times. In total 406 people took part, in groups of 14 people at each meeting. At the same time, the distribution of sheets with school exercises to students from 38 schools has been concluded. 31 of these are primary schools and 7 are secondary schools. This activity is aimed at ensuring the continuity of girls' learning. In total we have supported 14,538 students.
- In Gaza under the STAR-G project we reached 12 girls with the distribution of school materials (photo above) to overcome the difficulty of access to these supplies by the communities. These girls also received personal hygiene kits.



AWARENESS & CAMPAIGNS

- In Gaza province, 1593 people benefited from sensitisation and awareness sessions about COVID-19, in a series of coordinated actions with local authorities. Door-to-door campaigns were also carried out in 31 communities in the districts of Manjacaze, Guijá, Chongoene, Mabalane, Mapai, Chicualacuala and Massingir. 120 posters were posted at strategic locations in the communities.

SUPPLY CHAIN

- The long-awaited Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is now in Maputo and will soon be distributed to government partners in different provinces, as well as to the essential Operations Save the Children staff who, due to the nature of their work, may be exposed to risk of COVID-19. This equipment, valued at about USD 91,000, is as follows:

Quantities	Item
2500	Face Mask N95
25000	Face Mask
25000	Chirurgical Gloves
54000	Examination Gloves
400	Protective Gowns
150	Face Shield
344	Theatre Boots
391	Nurse's Kit Gowns, Face Mask Face Shield
25000	Nurses Caps
801	Gloves Heavy Duty
550	Protective Goggles



Loading of the PPE in SCIMOZ
Maputo office

"The implementation of the State of Emergency measures declared under the COVID-19 pandemic, must not violate the rights of the child. Children must continue to enjoy their rights even during the State of Emergency period".

Trindade de Rosa, 15, Namputa Province

