



MOZAMBIQUE

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IN SUPPORT OF THE MOZAMBIQUE RED CROSS SOCIETY



11

National Society branches



133

National Society local units



6,862

National Society volunteers



167

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



63,548

Disasters and crises



1,022,237

Health and wellbeing



1,420,733

Migration and displacement



223,262

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	11.4M
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	
	Funding	1.4M
	Expenditure	952,000
	Longer-term	
	Funding Requirement	5.4M
	Funding	2.4M
	Expenditure	1.8M
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	2.4M
	Funding	3.5M
	Expenditure	2.8M
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	3.6M
	Funding	681,000

Mozambique Red Cross Society

Overview

Funding	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	974,000
Participating National Societies	47,000
HNS other funding sources	681,000

Appeal number **MAAMZ003**

In addition to: CHF 1.5M DREF Funding

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks?	Yes
	Implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)?	Yes
	People reached with activities to address environmental problems	12,000
	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	64,000
	People reached with heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response activities	2,000
Disasters and crises	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	130,000
	People reached with disaster risk reduction	1M
	People reached with livelihoods support	24,000
	People reached with shelter support	39,000
Health and wellbeing	People donating blood	2,000
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services	1.4M
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	734,000
	People reached with immunization services	360,000
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services	17,000
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	2,000
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	223,000
Values, power and inclusion	Is Community Engagement and Accountability integrated and institutionalized in the National Society policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks)?	Yes

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of	4
	Number of government led coordination platforms the National Society is part of	9
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers	Yes
	One National Society Development plan in place	Yes
	Strategy for strengthening the auxiliary role developed or implemented	Yes
	Youth engagement strategy developed or in place	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society have strengthened their integrity and reputational risk mechanisms	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Bilateral Support							Multilateral Support
	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Through IFRC
American Red Cross								✓
Austrian Red Cross								✓
Belgian Red Cross	2.2M	●	●	●				
British Red Cross								✓
Canadian Red Cross Society								✓
French Red Cross	2M		●					
German Red Cross			●	●				
Italian Red Cross	361,000	●		●			●	✓
Monaco Red Cross								✓
Netherlands Red Cross	140,000							
Spanish Red Cross	821,000					●		
Swedish Red Cross	2.1M	●						
Swiss Red Cross								✓

Total Funding Reported **CHF 7.7M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Mozambique is vulnerable to natural disasters, including droughts, floods and cyclones, which significantly affect nearly half the country. In recent years, the intensity of these disasters has increased, with repeated cyclones and floods severely impacting communities with limited resilience. The coastal population, constituting about 60 per cent of the country, faces heightened risks of water-borne diseases, exacerbated by the ongoing conflict in Cabo Delgado. This conflict has displaced over a million people, creating an unprecedented humanitarian crisis and overwhelming efforts to restore stability.

In 2023, Mozambique saw progress in the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) process, marking a milestone in peace efforts with Renamo, despite continued violence in Cabo Delgado. The government's reconstruction plan for the northern region aims to address social cohesion and resilience, but many displaced people still face dire needs, particularly in areas lacking basic infrastructure and services.

Mozambique's economic growth reached 4.1 per cent in 2022, driven by strong performances in agriculture and services. However, natural disasters, including Cyclone Freddy and prolonged dry spells, have affected agricultural productivity, leading to food insecurity in several regions. Cyclone Freddy alone affected over 1.3 million people, causing widespread damage to infrastructure and displacing thousands.

The country also grappled with a cholera outbreak in 2022–2023, which resulted in over 32,000 suspected cases. Health, food security and malnutrition remain pressing concerns, compounded by the ongoing recovery from natural disasters and the effects of climate change.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

During the reporting period, the Mozambique Red Cross Society strengthened anticipatory action to address the severe impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events such as droughts, floods and cyclones. The National Society participated in international training to enhance preparedness efforts. It also promoted climate-smart agriculture, distributed seeds and tools to vulnerable households. Additionally, the National Society contributed to Pan-African Tree Planting and Care Initiative.

Disasters and crises

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society responded to cholera outbreaks, floods and Cyclone Freddy's double landfall by providing emergency assistance, promoting resilient construction and prepositioning stock to enhance disaster preparedness. It supported internally displaced persons and vulnerable communities with food and basic needs, while distributing essential items to flood and cyclone-affected households in Maputo and Zambezia. The National Society revalidated Early Action Protocols for cyclones and floods and strengthened its coordination with local authorities and stakeholders. Additionally, it empowered communities through climate-smart disaster risk reduction, establishing disaster risk management committees, rolling out early warning systems and enhancing resilience against flood risks in Beira, Buzi and Greater Maputo. It also addressed erosion issues and launched clean-up campaigns. Through new projects such as the disaster risk management strengthening project, the National Society advanced disaster risk assessments and preparedness efforts across Mozambique.

Health and wellbeing

For the period January to December 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society strengthened its role in public health through long-term healthcare support. It boosted COVID-19 vaccination uptake across four provinces, focusing on risk communication and community engagement. It made efforts to significantly increase vaccine access in the provinces of Gaza and Maputo as well as Maputo city. During the cholera outbreak, the National Society mobilized volunteers, supported treatment centres and facilitated the vaccination of over 190,000 people. It enhanced water, sanitation and hygiene services by distributing chlorine, hygiene supplies and improving water provision in health centres. The National Society also conducted integrated health campaigns for malaria, cholera and COVID-19, while improving

healthcare infrastructure and training volunteers in first aid and epidemic preparedness. It also provided critical first aid support in conflict-affected areas and expanded mental health and psychosocial services.

Migration and displacement

For the reporting period, the Mozambique Red Cross Society supported individuals affected by armed conflict in northern Mozambique, focusing on internally displaced persons and returnees. It provided essential services and livelihoods support to help build resilience among vulnerable communities. The National Society also provided restoring family links services, reuniting families, while training volunteers to assist returnees in locating missing relatives. It strengthened its capacity in family reunification by providing specialized training in active search and follow-up techniques, facilitating continued support for separated families.

Values, power and inclusion

The Mozambique Red Cross Society strengthened community engagement and accountability (CEA) by hosting its first community engagement training in Maputo, attended by several African countries. The training emphasized institutionalizing CEA, establishing feedback mechanisms and integrating CEA into emergency response, with participants developing plans for implementation in their branches. The National Society also advanced efforts to combat gender-based violence (GBV) in Maputo and Inhambane, empowering survivors through socio-economic initiatives and awareness campaigns. It trained staff, volunteers and community members in human rights and GBV prevention and made efforts to improve the multisectoral support system for survivors of gender-based violence through training and monitoring.

Enabling local actors

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society coordinated with participating National Societies, including the Belgian Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross. It worked closely with the ICRC on armed conflict response in northern Mozambique, supporting displaced communities and improving healthcare and access to water. The National Society collaborated with the government and other partners on disaster management, playing a central role in flood and cyclone responses. It also led the shelter cluster, enhancing local shelter responses and contributing to disaster risk reduction through the Humanitarian Country Team and other coordination mechanisms.

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society revised its statutes and prioritized governance and leadership development through the first Portuguese-language Movement Induction Course for national and provincial leaders. The National Society also advanced youth development by electing representatives, including one to the Governing Board. It strengthened staff capacity by participating in disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation training in Nairobi. Additionally, the Mozambique Red Cross Society enhanced its strategic communications by playing key roles in major events, such as anticipatory action fora and during Cyclone Freddy. It strengthened its reputation as a reliable source of information, particularly through Portuguese-language messaging, thus building public trust.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

EMERGENCY APPEAL NAME	Mozambique Floods and Cyclones Emergency Appeal
IFRC EMERGENCY APPEAL CODE	MDRMZ016
PEOPLE ASSISTED	226,500
DURATION	24 months (23 January 2021 to 31 January 2023)
FUNDING REQUIREMENTS	Through the IFRC Appeal: CHF 5.5 million Federation-wide: CHF 7.5 million
LINK TO EMERGENCY APPEAL	Floods and Cyclones Emergency Appeal
LINK TO OPERATIONAL STRATEGY	Operational Strategy
LINK TO LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	Operation Update No. 4
LINK TO FINAL REPORT	Final Report

Since early 2021, an IFRC Emergency Appeal has been active in Mozambique to address the impact of tropical storms. Mozambique has faced repeated cyclones and floods, particularly in the central provinces, with 2022 bringing Tropical Storms Ana, Dumako and Cyclone Gombe, following similar storms in 2021 and 2019. These successive disasters have severely weakened community resilience, hampered recovery efforts, and disrupted livelihoods. Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in 2019 were the worst in decades, killing over 1,000 people and displacing 2.2 million. The repeated environmental shocks have affected health, access to resources, economic opportunities and mental health, exacerbating issues such as child marriage and gender-based violence.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

The Emergency Appeal's operational strategy in Mozambique included emergency shelter support, vocational training for livelihoods, cash grants, disease prevention, hygiene promotion, sexual and gender-based violence prevention and community engagement. Search and rescue efforts were also carried out, with most acute emergency phase activities completed, including recovery work on permanent shelters. However, underfunding has limited the scale of the Mozambique Red Cross's response. The emergency phase is set to conclude by January 2023, with remaining needs addressed through long-term programming.

For the period [January 2021 to June 2022](#), the following assistance was provided:

Shelter, housing and settlements

Affected communities were provided with shelter kits to build safe and adequate shelter, along with tarpaulins, buckets, jerrycans and kitchen sets. Latrine sets, soaps were distributed along with mosquito nets and bottles of chlorine for water purification.

Livelihoods

Targeted households were provided with cash and voucher assistance.

Health and care

Face masks and mosquito nets were distributed. Sensitization sessions were conducted on acute watery diarrhoea, malaria and COVID-19, complemented by psychosocial support services.

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Rapid latrines were provided to the affected communities along with treated and safe water.

Protection, gender and inclusion

Protection issues are integrated into all aspects of the programming, with awareness sessions consistently incorporated into training and community discussions. Emphasis was laid on the importance of prioritizing the most vulnerable individuals, reinforcing protection values throughout the process.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society addressed the severe impacts of climate change, including rising temperatures, sea levels and more frequent extreme weather events such as droughts, floods and cyclones. As the country ranked first in the Global Climate Risk Index, the National Society focused on strengthening climate-smart disaster risk reduction, anticipatory action and climate-resilient livelihoods through extensive staff and volunteer training.

The National Society engaged in [anticipatory action](#) initiatives through workshops, stakeholder consultations and community sensitization efforts. It participated in the anticipatory action training in Hungary and built capacity in cyclone, flood and drought preparedness. The Mozambique Red Cross Society also took on a leading role in the UN-led early warning for all initiative, guiding Mozambique's national preparedness efforts.

The Mozambique Red Cross Society also advanced its food security and livelihoods strategy, promoting climate-smart agriculture and distributing tools and seeds to 475 households in Niassa. Additionally, it planted trees and promoted [nature-based solutions](#), contributing to the [Pan-African Tree Planting and Care Initiative](#). It strengthened its disaster preparedness, conducted National Disaster Response Team training, and continued the Preparedness for Effective Response process. These efforts aimed to strengthen the ability of the National Society to respond to emergencies while building long-term resilience in Mozambique's most vulnerable communities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in revalidating its cyclone and floods [Early Action protocols](#) (EAPs). It also hosted a kick-off workshop for anticipatory action grant to help scale up anticipatory action and support the Mozambique Red Cross Society to act early without a completed [forecast-based financing](#) system. The IFRC also supported the National Society in the drafting of the tree planting framework as well as a strategy for food security and livelihoods programming in Mozambique.

The **German Red Cross** continued to assist the National Society in the development early action protocol for drought.

The **Swedish Red Cross** supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society to strengthen its operational capacity and coordination through enhanced capacity and vulnerability assessments ([eVCA](#)) as well as preparedness for effective response (PER).



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit IFRC GO page [Mozambique](#)

In 2023, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for two separate emergencies:

1

NAME OF OPERATION	Cholera Outbreak and Floods Readiness
MDR-CODE	MDRMZ019
DURATION	6 months (20 January 2023 to 31 July 2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 476,331
PEOPLE TARGETED	240,000 people
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operations Update

The DREF allocation of CHF 476,331 in January 2023 supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in aiding 240,000 people affected by cholera outbreak or at risk of experiencing it across the provinces of Gaza, Inhambane, Niassa, Sofala, Tete and Zambezia. The support provided included monitoring of the outbreak through community-based surveillance and awareness-raising activities on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) practices and risk of floods.

2

NAME OF OPERATION	Floods and Tropical Cyclone Freddy
MDR-CODE	MDRMZ020
DURATION	9 months (23 February 2023 to 30 November 2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 973,954
PEOPLE TARGETED	60,000
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operations Update

The DREF allocation of CHF 973,954 in February 2023 supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in providing assistance to 60,000 people affected widespread flooding in Maputo city and Maputo province and likely to also be impacted by additional flooding induced by Tropical Cyclone Freddy. The support consisted of distribution of food baskets, seeds and farming tools, as well as hygiene kits, items for safe water storage and rehabilitation of latrines. The National Society also distributed mosquito nets, shelter kits and other essential items.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society responded to a cholera outbreak, floods and Cyclone Freddy's double landfall. The National Society promoted [disaster risk reduction](#) through community awareness initiatives for resilient construction and provided emergency assistance. It prioritized prepositioning of stock and capacity-building efforts to enhance preparedness and reduce vulnerabilities.

Through a livelihoods project, the National Society provided immediate food and basic needs support to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Cabo Delgado and vulnerable host communities in Niassa, distributing food parcels to address basic needs during the lean season. Additionally, during the emergency caused by floods and Cyclone Freddy, it assisted households in Maputo and Zambezia province by distributing food baskets.

The Mozambique Red Cross Society also shared its experience in activating Early Action Protocols (EAP) with the Government and other stakeholders. Through the IFRC mechanism of Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF), [Cyclone](#) and [Flood](#) EAPs were revalidated.

The Mozambique Red Cross Society distributed essential non-food items in various locations, including Namacurra, Mopeia and Luabo, coordinating efforts with local authorities. The National Society provided immediate relief to IDPs affected by the armed conflict in northern Mozambique, assisting individuals with essential household items and empowering 25,000 people with seeds and tools to resume food production. It also offered temporary shelter to individuals affected by flooding and provided training for its staff and volunteers in assessing economic security for its staff and volunteers.

The Mozambique Red Cross Society focused on climate-smart disaster risk reduction and improved community capacity to adapt to climate change impacts in the province of Inhambane. Through two complementary projects, the National Society enhanced disaster preparedness and response capacity, fostering food security. The projects established [community-level disaster risk management](#) committees and rolled out [early warning systems](#) in preparation for the rainy season.

Under the Flood Resilience Alliance programme, the National Society enhanced community resilience to floods in Beira and Buzi, focusing on disaster response efforts and successfully increasing the implementation rate. Key achievements included forming disaster risk management committees, conducting drainage system cleaning campaigns and raising awareness about flood risks through various channels. The Mozambique Red Cross Society also improved the readiness of communities in Greater Maputo. It revitalized and trained local disaster management committees, ensuring knowledge of hazards related to climate change and promoting small-scale mitigation measures. The National Society also addressed erosion issues and conducted clean-up campaigns in affected areas by supporting community-led rehabilitation efforts.

Through the Disaster Risk Management Strengthening in the Southern Africa Development Community (DRMSS) Project which began in 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society took steps to strengthen disaster risk management coordination and capacity. It also made preparations to engage staff and consultants to develop disaster risk assessments and strengthen early warning mechanisms.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society through its mechanisms such as Early Action Protocol, Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) and Emergency Appeal.

The **French Red Cross** provided support to the Mozambique Red Cross Society in the distribution of essential item kits to IDPs affected by the armed conflict in northern Mozambique.

The **German Red Cross** supported the National Society in improving the disaster readiness of communities in Greater Maputo. It also assisted the Mozambique Red Cross Society in establishing local disaster management committees.



The Congolese Red Cross distributing emergency kits to victims of flooding in the town of Uvira in South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Date- 1st August 2024. (Photo: IFRC).



Progress of the National Society as an auxiliary to the public authorities

The Mozambique Red Cross Society solidified its role as a key public health actor by implementing long-term healthcare support programmes. In April 2023, the Africa CDC hosted a workshop in Maputo to develop a micro plan for the COVID-19 vaccination programme, focusing on the [Saving Lives and Livelihoods programme \(SLL\)](#). The Mozambique Red Cross Society implemented risk communication and community engagement activities to boost vaccination demand and informed decision-making among eligible individuals, targeting people across four populous provinces till July 2023. The National Society significantly increased access to vaccines in the provinces of Gaza and Maputo as well as Maputo city. Additionally, it assisted the Ministry of Health at vaccination points by managing crowds and measuring temperatures.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in the implementation of risk communication and community engagement activities to boost vaccination demand and ensure informed decision-making among eligible individuals.

The **Italian Red Cross** supported the National Society in vaccinating people

The **Spanish Red Cross** provided the National Society with assistance in exceeding its target for vaccinating people. It also provided support to the Mozambique Red Cross Society in improving access to vaccines.

Progress of the National Society in cholera outbreak response

The Mozambique Red Cross Society mobilized volunteers to support the Ministry of Health during a cholera outbreak. It conducted training for the volunteers in areas such as Oral Cholera Vaccination, emergency preparedness, [community-based health and first aid](#), public health guidance and risk communication. The National Society also increased its support to cholera treatment centres across several provinces due to the outbreak's rapid spread. Through community engagement efforts, the Mozambique Red Cross Society facilitated the administration of cholera vaccines to over 190,000 people. It conducted a training session in Niassa in February covering topics related to health and water, sanitation and hygiene. To enhance health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in both emergency and non-emergency contexts, the National Society invested in [epidemic and pandemic preparedness](#), leveraging local actors, networks and volunteers to act as community responders who detect and respond to health risks.

Additionally, in response to the cholera outbreak, the National Society distributed bottles of chlorine to health centres and enhanced infection prevention and control activities nationwide. It also provided hygiene supplies and resources to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and supported the cholera response in Cabo Delgado.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in enhancing its health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in both emergency and non-emergency contexts. Additionally, it hosted the country support platform in Mozambique to support cholera response and vaccination efforts.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) supported the National Society in providing hygiene supplies and resources to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Cabo Delgado.

Progress of the National Society in community health promotion

The Mozambique Red Cross Society integrated health awareness campaigns for malaria, cholera and COVID-19 and assisted internally displaced persons and communities with the distribution of mosquito nets and hygiene kits. It worked to improve safe water provision in health centres and constructed latrines and boreholes in various communities. In Cabo Delgado, the Mozambique improved healthcare infrastructure and facilitated consultations and surgeries, along with blood collection and improved waste management systems. It strengthened community health workforce by training volunteers in basic first aid. Partnerships with the German and Italian Red Crosses promote First Aid training and adaptation to local contexts. The Belgian Red Cross supported Training of Trainers sessions, expanding first aid knowledge among volunteers. Additionally, the Mozambique Red Cross Society provided critical first aid support in conflict-affected areas, training individuals and establishing first aid focal points to ensure community readiness. Additionally, it provided basic training to pre-hospital emergency medical care providers,

effectively assisting injured individuals and facilitating patient referrals to hospitals. The National Society provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), conducting sessions and sensitizing over 15,000 individuals. The training of MHPSS practitioners and community health committee members improved the local capacity for mental health care, resulting in referrals for urgent cases to qualified professionals.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in the implementation of its interventions focused on community health.

The **Belgian Red Cross** supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in the provision of safe water at health centres. It also supported the construction of latrines and boreholes in various communities. Additionally, the Belgian Red Cross also supported the National Society in conducting training of trainer sessions, expanding first aid knowledge among volunteers.

The **German Red Cross** and **Italian Red Cross** provided support to the National Society in the adaptation of first aid training to local contexts



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society focused on supporting individuals affected by the armed conflict in northern Mozambique. The National Society maintained its support for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and vulnerable host communities, addressing urgent humanitarian needs while assisting returnees to build resilience through support encompassing livelihoods and essential services

The Mozambique Red Cross Society also continued to carry out activities focused on restoring family links, successfully reuniting two minors and three vulnerable adults with their families. Recognizing the ongoing need for support in family reunification, the Mozambique Red Cross Society conducted training sessions for volunteers to equip them with skills and knowledge to assist returnee families in locating and reconnecting with their missing relatives. Additionally, it provided specialized training to eight volunteers in active search and follow-up techniques, further enhancing its capacity to trace separated families and facilitate their reunification.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in the provision of humanitarian assistance to the individuals affected by the conflict in northern Mozambique.

The ICRC supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in the implementation of restoring family links (RFL) services for internally displaced persons and migrants.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society enhanced community engagement and accountability (CEA) through significant training and initiatives. In May, the National Society hosted the inaugural community engagement and accountability training in Maputo, attended by representatives from Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe as well as Mozambique. The training focused on defining CEA, institutionalizing it within organizations, establishing community feedback mechanisms and integrating CEA approach into emergency response operations. Participants developed actionable plans to implement CEA across their branches.

Additionally, the Mozambique Red Cross Society continued its efforts to combat gender-based violence (GBV) in Maputo and Inhambane provinces, through a project that sought to empower survivors of GBV through socio-economic initiatives and increased awareness of gender rights. Awareness campaigns were conducted to educate households on gender-

based violence and available support. Additionally, it also trained community members as well as its staff and volunteers in human rights and prevention of gender-based violence.

The Mozambique Red Cross also focused on strengthening the capacities of the multisectoral mechanism for comprehensive care for women victims of violence. By providing training to staff from social action, health, police and justice sectors, it improved their ability to support GBV survivors. Monitoring visits assessed the application of integrated assistance protocols, leading to improved care services for survivors. Additionally, socio-economic empowerment initiatives were launched for women survivors in KaMavota and KaMaxakene, with plans for training in business management and leadership.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in mainstreaming community engagement and accountability across its operations.

The **German Red Cross** provided support to the National Society for the integration of CEA into its [disaster risk reduction](#) and early humanitarian action project in.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in its efforts to combat gender-based violence (GBV) in Maputo and Inhambane provinces.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The National Society is supported by six participating National Societies. These are the **Belgium Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross** and **Swedish Red Cross**.

Movement coordination

The Mozambique Red Cross Society ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC) principles, and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The ICRC helps people affected by armed conflict in northern Mozambique by distributing much-needed emergency relief provisions and providing livelihood support to displaced and host communities. It also improves access to health care and water, restores family links, visits places of detention, and promotes respect for international humanitarian law. In addition to operations in the field, the ICRC collaborates with the National Society in capacity building for its staff and volunteers in the areas of international humanitarian law and safe access.

External coordination

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society collaborated closely with the government on humanitarian and development programmes, particularly in disaster management at both national and provincial levels. It played a central role in coordination meetings led by the National Institute for Management and Disaster Risk Reduction (INGD) and the National Institute of Meteorology (INAM), focusing on flood and cyclone responses.

The Mozambique Red Cross Society also partnered with the Ministry of Health on long-term projects. The National Society also engaged in strengthening national coordination mechanisms for anticipatory action supporting the operationalization of the SADC Humanitarian Emergency Operations Centre.

The Global Shelter Cluster (GSC) is an Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) coordination mechanism and IFRC has been leading the shelter cluster in disaster contexts since the establishment of the cluster approach in 2005. This critical mandate places IFRC as one of the lead agencies in the international humanitarian coordination system. People who have lost their homes try to meet their shelter needs as quickly as possible. In this context, the Global Shelter Cluster and country Shelter Clusters work collectively with national response actors to support people affected by disasters and conflict with timely, effective and predictable shelter and settlement responses. As such, the Mozambique Red Cross Society's shelter cluster leadership role significantly contributed towards the localization efforts of the international humanitarian system. Its local knowledge and understanding of the context, along with its network and established community relationships, enhanced the effectiveness, relevance and connectedness of the overall humanitarian shelter response.

The National Society also participated in Humanitarian Country Team meetings, led by the Humanitarian/Resident Coordinator. Additionally, it contributed to disaster risk reduction efforts through its involvement in the Charter for the Humanitarian Consortium of Mozambique (CHEMO), focusing on strengthening community resilience.



National Society Development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society revised its statutes and focused on governance and leadership development. In June, the first Portuguese-language Movement Induction Course was conducted for national leaders and provincial boards, enhancing governance and management skills.

The National Society advanced youth development by holding a Youth General Assembly, where representatives were elected, including one who joined the Governing Board.

To strengthen staff capacity, the Mozambique Red Cross Society participated in a disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation in Nairobi in June 2023. This retreat reviewed the National Society's strategy for disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and preparedness for effective response.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Mozambique Red Cross Society in developing its youth and volunteer strategy. It provided support to the National Society in applying for the IFRC Capacity Building Fund, facilitating the establishment of a youth structure.

The **Italian Red Cross** provided support to the National Society in developing a strategy on youth and volunteers and the National Society development (NSD) efforts.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society advanced its strategic communications and advocacy efforts. It played a key role in high-profile events, including anticipatory action fora, where it participated as a keynote speaker, enhancing its influence. During the Cyclone Freddy response, the National Society's spokesperson became a leading media figure, providing accurate updates during both landfalls. The Mozambique Red Cross Society also worked to solidify its reputation as a trusted source of ground-level information, with media outlets relying on its insights. The National Society also effectively conveyed its messages by sharing them in Portuguese strengthened public trust.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the Mozambique Red Cross Society in the development of its strategic communications. The IFRC also supported the National Society in relaying its messages more effectively by sharing them in Portuguese.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Mozambique Red Cross Society updated its risk management framework. It also established terms of reference for an internal audit and risk management committee. The National Society made efforts to strengthen its financial management and accountability, by conducting a financial gap analysis to guide the plan of action and to ensure transparency and a dynamic management approach. It revised its integrity and transparency policies and procedures. Additionally, the National Society prioritized staff safety and security through regular security updates and weekly staff meetings.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in developing and updating its risk management framework based on IFRC guidelines. The Italian Red Cross also supported the National Society in this effort.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Mozambique 2023 Financial Report](#)
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- [IFRC network country plans](#)
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- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#) data
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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