

**ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

**Humanitarian Situation Report [#6]
COVID-19 – [Mozambique]
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[22th to 29th 2020]**

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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
76	0	9
SOURCE : https://covid19.ins.gov.mz/		

ChildFund-supported areas (Provide only if you have reliable data on this. You can report on a consolidated basis or by program state/region/province/etc. if you have this detail.)

Geographical area (country or state/region/province)	Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
Maputo- Kamavota	20	0	0
Inhambane-Zavala	0	0	0
SOURCE: https://covid19.ins.gov.mz/			

- Any relevant background information about areas affected

The number of infected people has increased from 17 such as has been mentioned in the last SitRep to 28. Into this number, two people were reported as recovered. 14 out of 28 are from Maputo the capital city and the other 14 from Cabo Delgado in the northern part of the Country. The country continues to follow up with people in contact with infected people. Cumulatively there were registered about 1963 people submitted to quarantine under government surveillance. It important to highlight that, all the 28 positives cases are observing self-quarantine at home being followed up by medical teams. The number of cases in Mozambique they are scaling up and more 13 positive cases were reported. As of 22nd April, the number scaled to 41 and hopefully no death has been recorded. Eight out of the fourth have made full recovery and the other 33 are regarded as active cases and medical surveillance. 33 cases are locally transmitted and 8 imported cased. Since the last report, the cases have increased from 41 to 65 being Pemba, Afugi in Cabo Delgado the epicenter of the COVID-19 in Mozambique. There is an increase of 35 infected people against 41 reported in the last

sitrep. During the last press release, one more recovery was reported adding to 9 the number of people recuperated from the COVID-19

- Host government posture: Have they declared a state of emergency and/or requested outside assistance? Which nationwide measures has the government taken, e.g., limitation on meetings, internal travel, school closures etc.

The Country continue in the state of Emergency will all measures reported in our sitrep #3 with. The Cabinet approved new customs and tax regulations aimed at mitigating the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The customs and tax facilities apply to economic agents, taxable persons and/or companies of the taxes in force. They consist, namely, in the authorization of amounts delivered in advance for the importation of COVID-19 prevention and treatment products; the exemption of payments on account; the postponement of the social payment on account; and the authorization of credit compensation in respect of value added tax VAT, whenever the taxable person is the holder of debts related to taxes of any nature which are in charge of [owed by] the tax administration[AT]. measures aimed at lessening the impact of COVID19 19 in Mozambique, as the spokesperson reiterated that Mozambique has enough stock [of staple products] for three months, despite a recorded scarcity of corn flour. The measures aimed at lessening the impact of COVID19 19 in Mozambique, as the spokesperson reiterated that Mozambique has enough stock [of staple products] for three months, despite a recorded scarcity of corn flour. The country continues in the stage of emergency category three and no amendments on the recommendation. However, the prime minister on his press release on Monday, reinforced the importance of stay at home to halt the spread of the COVID19 -19. The Country continue in the state of Emergency and 30th is the last day and the nation is anxious to hear from the government the way forward either to extend or to all in the end with additional prevention measures. There was a bilateral meeting involving the President of Mozambique and Health Scientific Council to evaluate the COVID 19 situation and the effectiveness of measures in place. The outcomes of this meeting are unknown. However, the agreed points will be subject to analyses by the Cabinet and the President will address the nation in evening on the 29th April and updates will be captured for the next sit rep. The government has already announced the waste case scenario appealing for international support to preposition to ensure reinforce and enhancement of the health system to be able to respond for the scaling up of the COVI-19 in the country. The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) today approved a disbursement under the Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) of SDR 227.2 million (about US\$ 309 million at today's exchange rate) to help Mozambique meet urgent balance of payment and fiscal needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

- What responses has the government put into place to address the health crisis and/or the economic impact?

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In implementing the measured and attempting to reduce the spread of the pandemic in overloaded Mozambican prisons, the government to announced to reduction of the prisoners population, applying the term of amnesty to some as per the Terms of reference . the amnesty did not cover all but those condemned due to none criminal actions. The Government, continues to appeal for strict adherence to all prevention measures and protocols.

- What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?

During the current state of emergency, there is partial closure of the borders and with exception for government, cargo and humanitarian issues, all arrivals to Mozambique, regardless of citizenship, are on a mandated 14-day self-quarantine. Over 14,000 Mozambican migrants returned from South Africa over the Ressano Garcia border within a span of a few days, as South Africa declared lockdown due to COVID-19. This has raised a huge concern in country and within the health control system as they had no data for tracing a massive entry and to location of difficult reference. In response to these concerns, IOM Mozambique activated its network of community health workers across the southern provinces to identify the returnees in their home communities and ensure they are reached with key prevention and quarantine messages. The effort is funded by European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). To identify returnees, IOM community health workers rely on IOM’s registry of active mine workers, health facility registry books, community networks and traditional leadership. Community leaders and traditional medicine practitioners also have been helpful. Returnees are contacted by phone and health workers deliver key information on mandatory quarantine, COVID-19 prevention and management measures, and referral pathways as needed. The returnees are also asked if family members have symptoms, and are encouraged to share the message with family, friends and neighbors. The data from returnees are shared on a weekly basis with the Ministry of Health. The effort began in late March. Thus far, over 850 migrants have been called, and the family members of each migrant, inquiring on the health of over 4,100 relatives. To date no one among the migrant returnees who are phone-screened have reported COVID-19 like symptoms. Despite this commend effort the number to be reached would still require a lot of efforts and on the other the quarantine in community settlements is a challenge as families share as to two room houses. **There no changes in restrictions on travelling,**

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	# of Enrolled and Sponsored Children	
	Sponsored	Enrolled
ATTV	4947	7393
Reencontro	2562	3746
Partner 3		
etc.		

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with Partner organization and child ID from salesforce) diseased as a result of COVID19. (Note: These need to be reported immediately following the regular sponsorship protocols.)

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)?		
	Program Implementation	CVS	M&E Level 2
ATTV	Suspended	Suspended	
Reencontro	Suspended	Suspended	

Partner 3			
etc.			

Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.

- What issues are children in these areas facing (food shortages, safety concerns, schools' closure, etc.)?

Schools are closed for the second consecutive month and so far, there are no report of security issues linked with the state of emergency declared on the 30th March 2020. Markets still show enough supplies despite that some families might have reduced the capacity of purchase due to limitation of the business in the informal market. In a country where over 90% of the population lives of the informal sector, in households without conditions, and no access to potable water, the evolution of the pandemic and the longer stay at home prevail, the likelihood of food shortage. Many households sustain their families with the informal market and now with children at home are forced to increase the number of meals per day.

Schools continue closed and children at home under different realities. Private schools are putting in place online lessons through different platforms However, parents' complaints are high because not all can afford the internet costs for such classes despite having their children in private schools. While the government is straggling to get an inclusive platform to reach all children including the most disadvantaged. In acknowledging that most families survive through the informal sector, they have loosened the measures to allow vender at the market with compulsive use of the mask and get their settings in distance to comply with the preventive measures. The situation in general is still under control and there is no insecurity report or any riots due to COVID-19.

The ministry of education is confident on saving the academic year, despite possible extension of the state of emergency state. There might be recovery strategies are on the table not yet shared. As mentioned in previous sitrep, some platforms for online lessons are in place although not feasible to reach all children due to the burden of connectivity cost to the parents with their economic situation already disrupted with the COVID-19 limitation. The National and private TVs stations and Radios are supporting the Ministry of Education with lessons to all grades in a given schedule.

- Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis.

There is a growing fear of Child Protection risks as the period of children staying at home has been extended from one to two months. It important to highlight that, not all parents are working from home and the likelihood of children being vulnerable to abuse is high and the pressure for the parents to supply enough for the children might grow and scale to parent's stress and violence against children. In coordination with 03 networks of Civil Society Organizations ChildFund Mozambique is preparing a draft of an Appeal to effective response and mitigation of impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable children to be discussed in the network. The appeal is to influence the government to ensure that the well-being of this social group is not compromised. The Appeal will be submitted to the National Assembly with cc's to Prime Minister, MGCAS, National Commission of Child Rights, Ministerial Commission instituted by the President of the Republic to respond to COVID- 19. This appeal contains the priority actions to be considered during decision making process.

Part 3: ChildFund's Response

3.a. Overall

- Who is or will be leading/managing the response?

Country Director- Filomena Nhangumele, supported by the SMT members.

- How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund? Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?

ChildFund and local partners are partnering with the local governments and at Country Office level with the Ministries of Education and Health.

What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed? How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund? Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?

ChildFund Mozambique in partnership with Ministry of health, is supporting the printing of IEC material aimed for prevention of COVID19 and Child Protection in Emergency including provision of sanitizing materials such as pulverization pumps, buckets with taps, etc., National ChildLine to produce child friendly material on prevention and radio spots. There already an engagement with ministry of Education and Child, Women and Social Affair but there I coordination is very slow and consequently the partners engagement. The INGC, has just reactivated the 11 National Operation Centers, 153 provincial and 1.422 community-based committees. The last INGOs CD meeting was held on 21st April 2020 and the health cluster meets every Monday and Thursday. ChildFund Mozambique, attends the health virtual meeting, represented by the Child protection officer who represents the Country Office on the Communication, advocacy and Community sensitization technical group. The progress is much at local level as the meeting with local government has yield action plans to respond and support the prevention of the COVID-19 in the province with priority to health and education sectors. **ChildFund and partners continue to work in coordination with LPs and the local government to ensure prevention and reinforcement of the message of prevention in the communities and support education to help children learn while at home.**

3.b. Program Response

Please organize your program response report as per the 4 objectives included in our global response plan. You can add an additional category if you have response activities planned or executed that do not align with these objectives. For each objective use the questions below to guide your report.

- What kind of response activities or interventions have been executed? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed?
- What is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?

The plan is under progress with much flexibility at local partners and distribution will start next week. However, at National level all is slow, technical staff already worked and developed communication material but awaits approval and go ahead for the organizations to proceed with the printing of the material. The Coordination with Ministry of Health and Gender, Child and Social Action is experimenting the same delays. **The Community Development Agents have been trained on prevention measures and will play important role under supervision of Health Technician in dissemination of key**

messages regarding the prevention measures at community level. The training was conducted by government health technician's in coordination with the LPS and ChildFund. Due to this health coordination, the training packaged in child protection risks and reporting mechanisms.

Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?

We are partnering with LPS the National and local government, peer organization and technical partners. In Inhambane will engage with the Provincial government.

- What kind of response activities are you still planning for the coming period?

Support on production of Child friendly videos on prevention, print sensitization material for community covi-19 education, support installation of pulverization unit at entry of Zavala district, support health centers with soaps and water container for hand washing, support children from families under economic pressure to access material to study while at home

CO is planning to provide food items directly and prevention unit kits to a orphanage center in Inhambane where 3 sponsored children were relocate to in Inhambane City.

3.b.1. Stop COVID-19 from infecting children and families

ChildFund's Global Response Plan

To help children and families protect themselves from COVID-19, we are installing community, handwashing stands; educating communities about symptoms, hygiene measures and where to get tested or treatment; and distributing soap, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to families and frontline, health workers. For children who are being treated for COVID-19 or are subject to quarantine measures, we are creating child-friendly spaces with age-appropriate toys and reading matter.

3.b.2. Ensure that children get food they need

ChildFund's Global Response Plan

To ensure that the most vulnerable families can keep food on the table, pay rent and cover other basic needs, we are providing cash for those families most needing this support, such as those who have lost their income because of COVID-19, child or elder-headed households, and/or households affected by disability or chronic illness. Where possible, we are distributing food and basic household items directly, carefully abiding by COVID-19 protection measures

3.b.2. 1. Cash Transfers and vouchers

- Is your CO planning or implementing cash transfers or vouchers as part of COVID19 response?
- If so, brief description of progress to date. ChildFund, prepositioning to use the cash transfer to support the most vulnerable children and engaging with WFP to learn from their experience and the distribution will in coordination with the local social action to benefit from their expertise on selection criteria using local and common shared indicators of vulnerability.

Cash transfers or vouchers executed

Total	Beneficiaries		Amount transferred (US\$)	Transfer mechanism (i.e. mobile money, banking system other financial service provider etc.,
	Gender (if available)			
	Female	Male		

3.b.2.2. Other responses in relation to objective 3.b.2.

3.b.3. Keep children safe from Violence: physically and emotionally

ChildFund’s Global Response Plan
 We are supporting community-based child protection systems that identify, respond to and refer cases of abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation. We are also providing virtual, online psychological first aid and counseling, and supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street, providing hygiene supplies, food and other basics. We are also arranging safe and appropriate care for children who are separated from their caregivers due to treatment or prevention measures.

ChildFund is prepositioning to support the children during and after the covi-19 - Recovering phase and is already on diligences to partner with the local government through the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social action. The choice is because it is their areas of jurisdiction.

3.b.4. Help children continue to do their job: Learning

ChildFund’s Global Response Plan
 While schools remain closed, we are supporting children’s learning through activities and tutoring sessions online or by radio. For students without reliable internet access, we are distributing home learning kits with materials and guides for their use.

ChildFund, is already engaged with the district education to support children to continue their learning through radio Session and will distribute home learning materials already indicated by the Ministry of education and Human Development

3.b.5. Other responses

Below Sections for Internal Use Only

Part 4: Office and Staff Status

	Number of Staff:
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Office Status (Open/Closed)	Diagnosed with COVID19	Diseased from COVID19	Working from Office	Working from Home	On Special Leave
Partially opened	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

Notes:

- Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR. N/A
- Special leave as per [COVID19 Administrative Guidelines](#).

Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>. 12

Part 5 Human Resources

- Which visitors are there in the country? Please include names, functions, contact information and arrival/departure dates for both IO and RO staff (note: due to the travel ban, this will apply only once the ban has been lifted) N/A
- Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams N/A
- Are there any other major HR issues N/A

Part 6 Safety & Security

- Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner? YES
- Are the courts still operating? YES
- Are there reports of looting or increased criminality? NO
- Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities? NO
- Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area. YES
- Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment? NO
- Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted)

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

Grant Job Code	Grant Name	Donor	Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced/Suspended)	Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No)
0	0	0	00	0

Provide any additional narrative on how the COVID19 crisis affects implementation of your major grants.

Part 8 Funding

Provide information about potential sources of funding, including grant donors, subsidy, Emergency Action Fund, Alliance members, GIK, etc., for these emergency response efforts using the chart below:

Donor	Program	Amount (USD)	Requested? (Y/N)	Confirmed? (Y/N)
ChildFund	Subsidy	271.933.94.	yes	yes
ChildFund	NSP	32.840	yes	yes

- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.
The NSP budgets will be used for children food distribution to address the food insecurity to the most vulnerable children.

The subsidy is supporting education for children to continue learn from home, supply hygiene items such as soap, masks, buckets with taps to enhance hand wash practice, support community education on prevention, support production of communication for children with special needs in partnership with handicap.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- o List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.
 - STV
 - TVM- National television station
 - TV Sucesso
 - Jornal Noticias
 - Radio Mozambique
 - Radio Mutiana Community Radio
 - Zavala Community Radio

- List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.
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 - **Country Director**
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 - **Location: Maputo**
 - **Languages: Portuguese, English, Tsonga and Xope**
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 - **Inacio Jossitala**
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 - **Location: Maputo**
 - **Languages: Portuguese, English and Cynhanja**
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- Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?
- N
 - Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.

The Government have a central coordination for messaging, and all need to be approved by the government. There is a communication unit developing communication in different local language and all other actors must adopt approved messages.

- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.

Sharing of other countries experience already in response, sharing of initiatives around COVID-19.