

# PALMA DISTRICT, CABO DELGADO HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

## Situational Overview

### KEY FIGURES\*

- 60,527 people displaced from Palma district
- 31% are women
- 43% are children
- 85% internally displaced persons (IDP) are now living with host communities

More than 60,000 people fleeing Palma following attacks and violence continue to arrive in Nangade, Mueda, Montepuez, and Pemba districts in Cabo Delgado, while thousands of others are believed to be on their way by foot, bus, and boat to safer locations.

UNFPA Humanitarian Coordinator, Dan Onyango-Maina, who recently traveled to Palma district, reinforces that displaced women and girls lack access to reproductive and maternal health care and are at risk of sexual and gender-based violence.

*\*Data from IOM DTM, 27 May 2021*



## UNFPA's Support to Displaced Women and Girls from Palma



**1,200 women and girls** received **dignity kits** with items to support their health and hygiene and mitigate risks of gender-based violence



**12 tents** provided to enable women and girls to gain **safe access to sexual and reproductive health** services



**23,400+ women and girls** received maternal and sexual and reproductive health services, counselling and support via **mobile clinics**



**One of the major challenges is access to medicines and medical care at health facilities.**

- a displaced woman from Palma who warns that many women give birth at health facilities but return 'home' on the same day due to a lack of space and supplies in the health units

# Palma District Overview



## Palma District Data (2017 Census)

- Total population: 76,197
- Estimated population at risk (30%): 22,860
- Women of reproductive age 15-49 (24.9%): 5,700
- Estimated number of pregnant women (5%): 1,140

## Estimated Needs

-  **Instruments and supplies** to ensure mothers deliver safely at health facilities
-  **Equipment and medical items** to support obstetric surgeries and severe complications
-  **Supplies** to mitigate and manage miscarriage-related complications
-  **Dignity Kits** to support women and girls' urgent needs for menstrual hygiene, sanitary, protection and safety

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With girls out of school, and families coping with economic loss and hardship, the risk of child marriage and teenage pregnancies will become of increasing concern. Continued collective action is needed to mitigate the risk of maternal and newborn mortality.

- UNFPA Mozambique Representative, Andrea M. Wojnar

