WFP News Video: WFP Warns of Looming Crises As Insurgency and Displacement Sends Hunger Skyrocketing in Northern Mozambique
Shot: 7-15 April 2021
Various locations in Cabo Delgado region, Mozambique
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:00:05
Aerial shot of Pemba
Pemba, Cabo Delgado
Shot: 07April2021

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GVs of makeshift tents set up by people displaced by attacks in Palma. On 24 March, the Palma district of Cabo Delgado province was attacked by Non-State Armed Groups leading to several days of intense clashes between insurgents, Government and allied forces. More than 70,000 civilians were estimated to be living in Palma before the attack, out of which more than half were internally displaced people (IDPs) who had already fled violence in other parts of Cabo Delgado and sought safety in Palma. As of 22 April, nearly 23,800 IDPs have been registered who arrived by foot, bus, boat, and air from Palma to six different districts in Cabo Delgado.
Mueda, Cabo Delgado
Shot: 13April2021

:20:40
GVs of mothers getting their children tested for Moderate and Acute Malnutrition.
IDPs fleeing Palma will be able to receive nutritional assistance by WFP in health centres in 8 districts across Cabo Delgado. A recent survey by UNICEF and WFP found that almost 21 percent of displaced children under 5, and 18 percent of host children are underweight.

Pemba, Cabo Delgado
Shot: 15 April 2021

:40-1:03
SOT Nina Diadara, Displaced from Palma after attacks (Mwany)
When insurgents attacked her village near Palma she escaped with her 2 daughters by running into the bush and walking for 3 days with no food to Nangade. Now in Montepuez, she has received WFP emergency rations. She still doesn't know if the rest of her family was able to escape.

“They are killing us. They are burning houses, and they are taking our children. They are killing us with guns. We are desperate about the situation.”

Montepuez, Cabo Delgado
Shot: 10 April 2021

1:03-1:13
Setup shots of Lucas Calendra, 73, who escaped the attacks in Palma with his wife by walking to Mueda through the bush. His wife remained behind in Mueda. The whole journey lasted 9 days in total.

Montepuez, Cabo Delgado
Shot: 10 April 2021
1:13-1:32
SOT Lucas Calendra, Displaced from Palma after attacks (Maconde)
“We travelled for 6 days with no food. I had brought some food for the journey, but it only lasted 3 days. For the remaining days we had nothing.”
Muontepuez,
Cabo Delgado
Shot: 10April2021

1:32-1:55
GVs of WFP food being loaded onto boats for distribution.
Ibo Island,
Cabo Delgado
Shot: 07April2021

1:55-2:34
SOT WFP Communications Officer Shelley Thakral (English)
“What we know is that people have been walking for days, some as many as 5, 6 days. They've hidden in the bush, again, without food and water just escaping with what they have. So when they are arriving in places looking for safety, looking for shelter they are hungry they are tired and they are traumatized by what they have also witnessed. So for WFP it's important that we get our immediate response rations to them as quickly as possible, and this is food that will last them for about 15 days. That's rice that's oil, beans, sardines and water. ”
Pemba,
Cabo Delgado
Shot: 15April2021

2:34-2:49
GVs of Internally displaced people waiting to receive WFP food.
Mueda,
WFP News Release

22 April 2021

ESCALATING CONFLICT IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE PUSHES THOUSANDS INTO HUNGER AND DESPERATION

PEMBA, CABO DELGADO – Mozambique’s Cabo Delgado province is in the grips of a spiralling crisis as thousands of people flee their homes amidst violence, warns the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

“People have scattered in many different directions since the recent attacks in Palma, Cabo Delgado Province. Survivors are traumatized. They’ve had to flee leaving behind all their belongings and families have been separated”, said Antonella Daprile, WFP Country Director in Mozambique. “We met a young mother who fled the violence with her two daughters. They walked for three days without food or water and have no idea whether the rest of their family survived.”

Recent attacks in Palma have affected 50,000 people. Many have fled Palma to Pemba on boats making their perilous journey over choppy waters. Thousands are still trapped in Palma and Quitunda, and WFP is working round the clock to secure access to those most
in need. WFP has also been using boats from Pemba to reach those in remote areas, on surrounding coastal islands.

Over the last week, there has been more rain in the region. Women and children huddle under flimsy tarpaulin sheets, sheltering from the wind and rain. This part of the country is no stranger to extreme weather hazards and the cyclone season still poses a threat to communities.

Hunger persists and children are worst affected, with malnutrition worryingly on the rise. A recent survey by UNICEF and WFP found that almost 21 percent of displaced children under 5, and 18 percent of host children are underweight. At the same time, the rates of chronic malnutrition (or ‘stunting’), which has lifelong consequences, are at an alarming 50 percent among displaced children and 41 percent among children from host communities.

WP is organizing emergency food distributions for families who have fled the violence in Palma. WFP is providing high energy biscuits and immediate response rations comprised of rice, pulses, vegetable oil, canned foods such as sardines and beans, biscuits and water to distribute to people on the move. Thereafter they will be included in WFP’s regular monthly food assistance programme. WFP is planning to reach 50,000 people displaced from Palma.

Conflict continues to drive hunger in northern Mozambique as more than 950,000 people now face severe hunger. WFP is in the process of scaling-up its response in northern Mozambique, with plans to assist 750,000 internally displaced people and vulnerable members of the local community across the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Niassa, and Zambezia.

WFP urgently requires US$82 million to respond to the crisis in northern Mozambique and support the vulnerable, largely women and children.

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