

Mozambique Preparedness

Highlights

- In January, technical assistance was provided by the Logistics Preparedness Officer to support the emergency response in Cabo Delgado which aims to assist the World Food Programme (WFP) logistics operations and to develop coordination and information sharing with key partners through the creation of a Logistics Working Group (LWG) for Cabo Delgado on 17 January and the collection of data to update the Logistics Capacity of Cabo Delgado.
- On 6 February, a logistics Gaps and Needs Evaluation (GNE) workshop was conducted in Pemba, in Cabo Delgado Province, as part of the Logistics Preparedness Project, bringing together 24 institutions and 29 participants: 15 Government representatives, three National Disasters Management Institute (INGC) representatives, five United Nations representatives, five NGOs representatives and one private sector representative. On 27 February, the final version of the Plan of Action (POA) for the Logistics Preparedness Project in Mozambique was shared and approved with the National Logistics Working Group. The endorsement of this POA by INGC Directorate is key to initiate the implementation of activities.
- On 30 March, Nilza Loforte was onboarded as National Logistics Preparedness Officer, within WFP Mozambique to support the Information Management activities with INGC.
- COVID-19 Preparedness and Response: WFP has a key role to play in coordinating with INGC and other government institutions and ensuring information sharing with key stakeholders on logistics for the COVID-19 response.



GNE Workshop led by INGC and WFP in Cabo Delgado

Background

The year 2020 took an intense start with the flooding situation in Cabo Delgado province. On 28 of December, the Mozambican Government declared an Orange alert to all Provinces in order to mobilize more resources to assist the affected population. The humanitarian access in Cabo Delgado was considerably affected following adverse weather conditions since mid-December and a deterioration of the security situation since the past months. It was the opportunity to activate and use the network that was developed since the beginning of the Logistics Preparedness Project (“the Project”) to serve the emergency response.

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A Logistics Working Group (LWG), composed of provincial authorities and humanitarian organizations, was established in Pemba. The aim of the LWG is to share information on available logistics services - particularly on warehousing and air & sea transportation - during regular meetings and through a dedicated Whatsapp group.

The first step of the Project was to get a better understanding of the operational context, to identify the logistics challenges faced by the humanitarian partners and to collect logistics information regarding their logistics needs. Once the key stakeholders were identified and involved in regular meetings, a Gaps and Needs Evaluation (GNE) workshop was conducted on 6 February with 29 participants to discuss the gaps and challenges and propose adequate solutions and to update the physical access constraints map of Cabo Delgado Province.



On 22 March, the first case of Coronavirus was announced in Mozambique. On March 26, the first in-country health procurement meeting was held by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and co-chaired by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to discuss the Ministry of Health (MISAU) response plan and urgent needs for medical commodities: lab tests, medical supplies and Personal protective equipment (PPE). On 30 March, the state of emergency was declared by the Mozambican government and will last 30 days.

Coordination

- A Cabo Delgado Logistics Working Group was established on 17 January in Pemba with the humanitarian partners working in the province. This coordination mechanism should remain active in the province during the emergency response phase and after the emergency. The group can get extended with the involvement of more stakeholders.
- The GNE assessment, conducted in Pemba, brought together 24 institutions and 29 participants: 15 Government representatives, three National Disasters Management Institute (INGC) representatives, five United Nations representatives, five NGOs representatives and one private sector representative. The conclusion of the assesment was that the mains constraints affecting the operational context seem to be the lack of transport services and security problems. The sectoral coordination and information management between the stakeholders are key activities.
- During this quarter, the focus has been to support WFP logistics operations in Cabo Delgado. After completion of the GNE workshop, the priority was the finalization of the POA of the Logistics Preparedness Project. Indeed, on 21 and 27 of February, meetings were held at INGC premises to finalize the POA by delegating the logistics sectors among government institutions.
- Once the final POA was submitted to the INGC Directorate, the implementation of activities can be initiated. The activities initiated will involve the preparation of the Logistics Response Training (LRT) and the Get Airport Ready for Disaster (GARD) training. For this purpose, discussions were organized with INGC and the International Airport of Maputo to discuss potential support to use airport facilities. For the GARD training, UNDP and DHL are supporting.

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- For the COVID-19 response, a Health procurement group and other coordination mechanisms have been put in place. This will ensure proper coordination with the Ministry of Health and INGC and will avoid a duplication of efforts between the humanitarian organisations.

Information management

- The logistics information in Cabo Delgado has been collected through individual interviews with humanitarian partners and coordination meetings. In addition to that, several companies, providing air, sea and land transport, were contacted to know what kind of services they offer.
- The GNE report was shared in both Portuguese and English with the stakeholders.
- In the context of COVID-19, key documents and procedures should be published on INGC Website.

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