

## **Protection Flash Info**

## Joint INGD and Protection Cluster

2022/23 Rainy Season Lessons Learnt Workshop



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### THE WORKSHOP

## **Participating Organizations**

Protection Partners

3 Government Agencies

6 UN Agencies

6 NGO (International)

3 NGO (National)

1 Network (PSEA)

### Objective of the Workshop



**Protection** Mainstreaming

reflection to improve protection mainstreaming and integration within next rainy season and more generally within context of climate change and disasters in Mozambique.



**Joint** protection analysis: joint analysis for have partners common understanding and analysis of prevailing protection risks Mozambique linked to climate change and disasters in Mozambique.



Review protection tools

utilized previous cyclone responses including Early Warning Message systems and various Protection Mainstreaming Guide.



Coordination **Improve** 

between authorities and partners well as between protection actors.

Protection Cluster is grateful for the



















The workshop was an opportunity to reflect on the past Rainy Season 2022/23 in which Cyclone Freddy made two landfalls on Mozambique territory and impacted over 1 Million individuals. The event gathered Government partners, UN Agencies and national and international non governmental organizations (NGOs). Photo: Protection Cluster

Mozambique is one of the countries most impacted by climate change. Ever since Cyclone Idai in 2019, the country has been affected by cyclones on a yearly basis, the most recent being Cyclone Freddy in 2023. Tropical storm Freddy made landfall on 24 February 2023 in Inhambane and a second time as a Tropical Cyclone on 11 March in Zambezia Province. According to the National Institute for Risk Reduction and Disaster Management (INGD), over 1.1 Million people were affected across eight provinces of Gaza, Inhambane, Manica, Maputo, Sofala, Tete and Zambezia, which were already bearing the brunt of cholera and floods. Cyclone Freddy displaced over 184,000 people who have sought shelter in accommodation centers across the impacted area. The impact of multiple crises, on top of the conflict in northern Mozambique, means that every province of Mozambique had been affected. To respond to its impacts, protection partners have mobilized their few resources to respond through the coordination of the Protection Cluster in Gaza Inhambane, Sofala and Zambézia Provinces.

With the rainy/cyclone season of 2022/23 coming to an end, it is time for protection actors to reflect on what has worked and what could be improved for the next season - especially in terms of how to best mainstream and integrate protection in the coordinated response. This workshop is part of an ongoing partnership between the Protection Cluster and the INGD Safeguarding Division. The partnership's objective is to strengthen protection mainstreaming and integration within the response to disasters, ensuring protection mainstreaming in early warning messages, protection standards in evacuation and evacuation center management.

The event was led by INGD and co-lead by the Protection Cluster; gathered six UN Agencies (including the GBV AoR lead UNFPA and the Child Protection AoR lead UNICEF) and nine NGO partners as well as the Ministry for Gender and Social Affairs to strengthen coordination among partners and various Governmental partners. The Mozambique National Human Rights Commission was also present to strengthen the human rights-based approach within the response.

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### Part One: Protection Risk Analysis

#### **Identification of Protection Risks**

- 1) Before Cyclone (preparation)
- 2) Cyclone Landfall (announcement till 24 hours)
- 3) First two weeks post cyclone landfall (response)

#### Prioritization of **Protection Risks**

Partners were asked to prioritize the risks from high (5) to low (1)

4) Long-term (post-disaster reconstruction)

## Part Two: Group Work Focusing on Phases of the response

#### Group One: Preparedness

#### Discussion of:

- Information Management
- Protection Sensitive Evacuation-Simulation

# Cyclone Landfall

Group Two:

#### Discussion of:

- Early Warning Messages
- Preparation of Evacuation Centers

### Group Three: **First Two Weeks**

#### Discussion of: Protection

Sensitive Evacuation Center Management

#### Group Four: Long Term

#### Discussion of:

- Closing of Evacuation Centers
- Durable Solutions









