

PROTECTION MONITORING REPORT #8

Location: Mandruzi, Dondo district

Discussions: Displaced families (mainly women, some men), Vice Bairro Administrator for Mandruzi

Participants: UNHCR

Date: 19/04/2019

General background

The objective of the trip to Dondo was to visit the two proposed resettlement sites in the district: Mandruzi and Mutua and to see the progress made towards demarcation of plots. According to information from the Provincial Government, which was shared during the daily meeting with clusters on 16 April, in Mandruzi 202 plots were demarcated, none assigned; in Mutua 154 plots were demarcated, none assigned.

Observations

The team drove to Mandruzi village and asked several people, including the pastor and the area community leader about the proposed resettlement site. However no-one was able to provide any information, indicating that they were not aware of plans/land allocation. The team also asked the vice Bairro administrator who appeared to know about the project but hesitated to provide exact location information when asked. He referred the team to the Bairro administrator who was absent at the time of visit. The hesitation to share information of the site location, combined with lack of knowledge from community members suggests that site may not be ready as reported.

The contact information of the Bairro administrator: Jorge Cosmo, +258 84 55 70 430 & +258 84 55 76 429.

Action: Contact INGC and propose a joint visit to the proposed resettlement sites.

Displaced families at Mandruzi

During the search for resettlement sites, the team met in Mandruzi village (GPS: [-19.650747, 34.743080](#)) with an IDP community of reportedly 22 families. The families were all said to be living inside an overcrowded private partly-completed house. Families reported that the house was temporarily given to them by someone from the community.

Concern: It was not possible to ascertain the details of the arrangement made between the house owner and the families staying there. It is possible that the families may be staying in the house in exchange for financial or labour return. This requires further verification.

Child protection

From observation, the vast majority were children, followed by women and few men. Hygienic conditions and appearance were poor – not necessarily different to the situation of children in other locations visited over the past three weeks. It was reported that children were staying with parents. However some were reportedly staying with relatives. In one case, the team was told of a child living with his grandmother prior to cyclone who lost their house and now find themselves IDPs in that house.

It was not feasible to obtain further information at the time of visit. However, inquiries are being made to obtain additional and actionable information on the situation of the child in question through contact with the community leader.

Food

Communal cooking was taking place at the time of visit. Families reported that that food was given to them by the host community. This requires further verification.

The team was told that they received an aid distribution about 2 weeks ago (milk, cookies, soap) from a Portuguese agency (no name remembered).

Needs expressed

Key needs expressed: food, school materials for children (shoes, pens, pencils, bag).