

## Educational Support for Internally Displaced Children and Vulnerable Host Community Children in Cabo Delgado

The ongoing conflict in northern Mozambique has caused mass displacement and continuous movement of the population. As of January 2023, around 930,000 people have been displaced in Cabo Delgado, of which half are children. The ongoing violence has forced children and families to move multiple times to seek safety, and coupled with the COVID-19 school closures have meant that many children have lost over 2 years of schooling. The longer children are out of school, the more likely it is that they will not return. Out-of-school children (64%) face higher risks of abuse and exploitation. Furthermore, the influx of school-aged children has caused enormous challenges for school facilities in the communities hosting displaced people, with many schools requiring temporary learning spaces or rehabilitation to ensure a safe learning environment.

With funding from Japan Platform, Save the Children is providing educational assistance to both internally displaced and host community children in Chiure and Montepuez districts of Cabo Delgado, with the aim of increasing the education access, retention and transition of crisis-affected girls and boys.

Key interventions include the provision of community-based non-formal education which covers basic literacy and numeracy, training of education facilitators, distribution of learning materials, and rehabilitation of schools,

as well as the establishment of temporary learning spaces. This project aims to provide 6,000 out-of-school children in 10 communities with non-formal education opportunities that enable children to learn basic literacy and numeracy mainly through interactive activities. Save the Children will further support these children to transition to formal education so they can continue their learning.



Save the Children staff member oversees a catchup class for internally displaced and host community children in Cabo Delgado (February, 2023).



A literacy and numeracy boosting catchup class in Chiure, Cabo Delgado (February, 2023)



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## Safe Back to School Project in Nampula Province

Nampula province in northern Mozambique has taken in a large number of displaced children due to the continuing instability and insecurity in the north. As of September 2022, Erati and Memba district in Nampula province have hosted approximately 13,000 displaced people, and there has been increasing need for educational support, especially for adolescent girls and boys of the internally displaced and the host community population.



Children that have dropped out of school attending ECHO-funded catch up classes being held in Erati, Nampula. (February, 2023)



Children attending ECHO-funded catchup lessons in Erati, Nampula (February, 2023)

To support adolescent girls and boys in and out of school to access quality education and continue their learning, Save the Children Japan and Save the Children Mozambique are implementing innovative education programs in Erati and Memba district in Nampula province. Innovative education activities include community-based non-formal education that cover basic literacy and numeracy for out-of-school adolescents who wish to enroll into formal education, remedial classes for adolescents enrolled in school but at risk of dropping out, and distance learning classes for adolescents that are unable to attend mainstream face to face secondary schools due to distance or cost. This project targets 4,455 adolescents from both the internally displaced population and from the host community, so they would be able to continue their education in a safe and quality learning environment.