

Humanity & Inclusion (HI) alerts that pregnant women, older people, people with disabilities, children, etc. need immediate humanitarian aid following terror attacks in Cabo Delgado.

Pemba, 31 March 2021 – Humanity & Inclusion (HI) expresses deep concern over the situation of vulnerable populations: Pregnant women, older people, people with disabilities and children are amongst the people who have been displaced by recent fighting in Palma.

Around 3,000 people have been displaced, following last week's brutal attacks by insurgents on Palma and surrounding areas. Since 2017, a total of 670,000 people are displaced due to the violence. The exact number of casualties after the recent violence is unclear as many people are still unaccounted for.

“Many people are terrified of being attacked and have resulted in hiding which means they no access to food or water. It is vital that the response to this crisis takes into consideration the access to support for the most vulnerable groups, ensuring no one is left behind. Efforts to provide humanitarian aid must ensure the most vulnerable people, such as people with disabilities; older people receive the support they so desperately need.”

Marco Tamburro, HI Programs Director in Mozambique

According to an assessment conducted by HI before the recent attack in Palma in 2 districts of Cabo Delgado (districts heavily impacted by the movement of people fleeing the violence):

- 16% of the households of people displaced declared having a member with a disability and/or chronic needs
- 22% of people with disabilities declared their disability was due to the conflict.

Children are almost half of the displaced people (45%), many of these children are unaccompanied. Amongst the most vulnerable groups are also pregnant women, older people and people with disabilities¹.

Added Marco Tamburro: *“We are calling for the support of international donors. HI identified the top humanitarian 3 priorities as food, shelter and access to drinking water – these are resources which need to be urgently funded, especially during the global pandemic. We must ensure every single person is considered in the humanitarian response. We must also consider the long term impacts of this violence. Psychosocial support is essential to help people rebuild their lives and we will work to implement an accessible referral mechanism so that people can reach out and receive the support they require.”*

¹ Joint Assessment ACF-HI in Ancuabe and Chiure districts, February 2021



NOTES TO EDITOR

HI has just finalised a needs assessment in Cabo Delgado, in Ancuabe and Chiure districts, strongly affected by the movement of displaced people. Our teams are also currently setting-up a Disability Working Group in Pemba, with FAMOD and AIFO², to make sure people with disabilities are included in the emergency response. The group is included in the follow-up of displaced people and is currently supporting the detection and disaggregation of persons with disabilities coming from Palma.

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² FAMOD: Forum of People with Disabilities organisations