

MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF THE HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR IN MOZAMBIQUE, MS. MYRTA KAULARD

Dear Mr. Lowcock,

As we have discussed during our calls since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the humanitarian community in Mozambique is responding to a rapidly escalating crisis in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique. There are now over 500,000 people internally displaced by the conflict and a lack of access to basic services is necessitating an urgent scale-up in humanitarian action.

To ensure that assistance and protection reaches people in Mozambique -and particularly in Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula- quickly and effectively, and to guarantee accountability in our response, the Humanitarian Country Team is requesting the formal reactivation of clusters, initially set up in response to Cyclone Idai in 2019, and whose activities have continued beyond the end of the Scale Up response. The formal reactivation of clusters, as indicated below, will help ensure clear leadership and strengthen current coordination capacities.

The following leadership and coordination arrangements are proposed after in-depth discussion and consideration of the operational capacity and established connections and networks of the proposed lead agencies, both in Maputo (for capital-level coordination) and in Pemba (for coordination of the crisis in Cabo Delgado).

While appreciating the additional deployments of staff that several organisations have made in the past 12 months, as the Cabo Delgado crisis has escalated, we urgently need additional capacity to respond, including dedicated Cluster and AoR Coordinators at both national and sub-national levels, and dedicated Information Management capacity for each cluster.

Cluster	Proposed Leadership
CCCM	IOM
Education	UNICEF / Save the Children
Health	WHO
Food Security	WFP / FAO
Logistics	WFP
Nutrition	UNICEF
Protection	UNHCR
Protection (Child Protection AoR)	UNICEF
Protection (GBV AoR)	UNFPA
Shelter/NFI	IOM
WASH	UNICEF

It is my sincere hope that the renewed activation of clusters in Mozambique will ensure that we have the capacity and support required to respond to this highly complex and rapidly evolving crisis.

I would be grateful if you could seek the IASC's endorsement of this decision and thank you for your continued support to humanitarian partners in Mozambique.

Yours sincerely,
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Humanitarian Coordinator for Mozambique

