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## Information bulletin

### Mozambique/Nampula: Cholera



<b>MDRMZ014</b>	<b>Date of issue:</b> 17/04/2020
<b>Date of disaster:</b> January until April 2020	<b>Point of contact :</b> Rui Oliveira, Operations Manager
<b>Operation start date:</b> 07/03/2020	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 2 months
<b>Host National Society:</b> Mozambique Red Cross Society (Cruz Vermelha de Mozambique, CVM) was established in 1981, and officially recognised by the Government of Mozambique (GoM) in 1988. Recognised by the ICRC in the same year, it became a member of the IFRC almost one year later, in October 1989. Its actions are fully implemented by approximately 170 staff, 5,500 volunteers and 70,000 members.	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 8,706 as of 6 April 2020	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> approximately 20,000
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation:</b> Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Belgium-Flanders Red Cross	

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## The situation

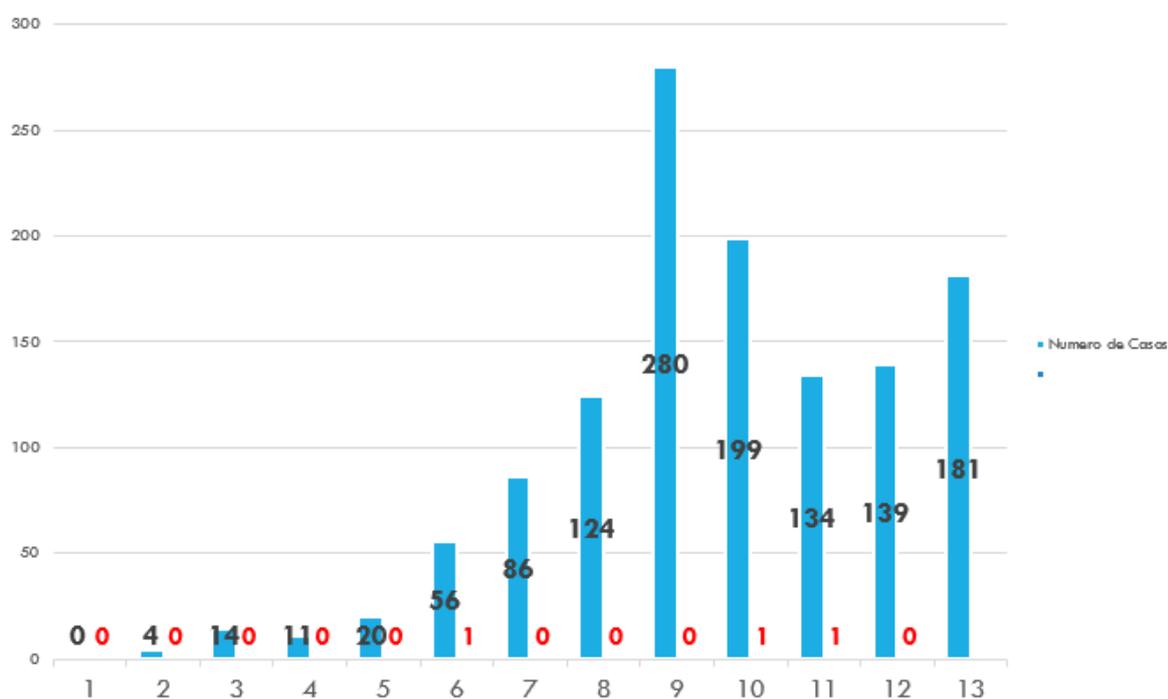
Nampula is a northern province of Mozambique with a population of approximately 6 million people, 81.606 km<sup>2</sup> and 21 districts. The province is prone to cholera outbreaks due to the inadequate water and sanitation situation accompanied by inappropriate hygiene practices. During the rainy season of 2020 a cholera outbreak started in Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces in January 2020. The first cholera case in Nampula province was reported on the 11 January 2020.

In February and March the following districts of Nampula province reported cholera cases: Nampula city (279), Memba (69), Mogovalas (115), Nacaroa (30), Ribaue (61), Monapo (336), Larde (91), Meconte (63), Nacala Velha (92), Angoche (72), Malema (176). As of 4 April, the cumulative number of cholera cases was 1384 and three deaths. However according to the MoH, WHO and communities there is a significant under reporting. Due to distances to health centres and Cholera treatment centres many people stay at home and die in their community.



**Image 1 & 2** – Chlorification of boreholes in Nampula . *Photo: Household visits on cholera prevention*

Majority of the districts have not registered new cases for over one month and the cholera outbreak is controlled. Exception are the districts of Nampula city and Monapo which have reported a reduction in official data but on the community level still cases are being reported. In Monapo number of cases continue but has shifted from our areas of intervention to new localities: Ramiane, Macalele and Tutua. Over the past two weeks, Malema district has reported the highest amount of new cases and is currently the biggest concern to the MoH, WHO and CVM.



**Figure 1:** epidemiological surveillance: official number of cholera cases (in black) versus number of deaths (in red) since January 2020.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

CVM Nampula has two employees and volunteers in the different districts of Nampula province. They have an office in Nampula city and some districts branches. An IFRC trainer provided a two-day training to 58 volunteers (20 in Nampula city and 38 in Monapo). volunteers of CVM Nampula on ORT; (20 in Nampula city and 38 in Monapo). CVM selected the volunteers from the neighbourhoods and localities with the highest numbers of cholera cases. After being trained the volunteers did active case finding of cholera patients and providing ORT and hygiene promotion to the affected localities. In Malema district, 10 experienced CVM volunteers-initiated

activities on 31 March and were integrated in teams of MoH, these volunteers will also be trained in ORT in the coming week.



**Image 1 & 2** – Training of volunteers in Namina a locality of Monapo district . *Photo: Hygiene promotion in Nampula city*

## Health



- 58 volunteers were trained in ORT: 20 in the city of Nampula and 38 in Monapo district
- Community-based health activities have been taking place in which the volunteers provided hygiene promotion and ORT to AWD cases, 3,482 households were reached with 18,630 family members
- Through Community Based Surveillance 763 AWD cases were registered of which 462 in Nampula city and 301 in Monapo district

## Wash

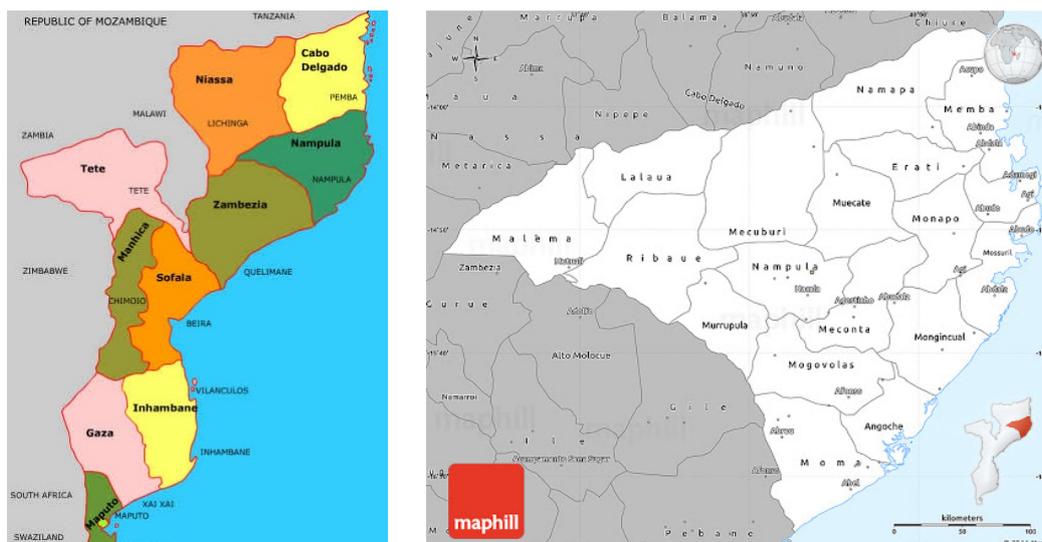


- Support of government and partners in provision of material and transport
- **152** wells treated with chlorine
- **2,691 bottles** of choline distributed to households
- Hygiene promotion activities were carried out by CVM volunteers

## Relief & Logistics



- For the first two weeks of activities, a vehicle from the Spanish Red Cross has been made available in addition to an IFRC vehicle.
- 88 bottles of choline bleach solution were donated to Ministry of Health
- Almost 4,000 bottles of chlorine were donated to CVM
- Over 1500 ORS sachets were provided to CVM



### Map of the affected area:

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