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Working together to protect the rights of refugees and asylum seekers

UNHCR is the UN agency mandated to protect and assist refugees. UNHCR cooperates closely with the Government of Mozambique and with the support of the UN Country Team, donors and others, provides protection and assistance to the 7,723 refugees and asylum-seekers in Mozambique, with an aim to find durable solutions.

UNHCR works with National Refugee Support Institute (INAR), the Ministries of Health and Education, Agriculture, Labour, Women and Social Action and the Redes de Caixas Rurais de Nampula (IRAM) to provide basic services to refugees and the surrounding host communities in Maratane camp in the northern Nampula Province.

Mozambique, as a signatory to the 1951 Convention, its 1967 Protocol and the 1969 OAU Convention, has a generous policy towards refugees. A recent testimony to this unquestionable commitment is the inclusion of refugee protection and durable solution options in the government's five year plan. The favourable practical arrangement in terms of freedom of movement, business and employment opportunities has enabled more than 50% of persons of concern in Mozambique to be self reliant.

Together with the line ministries mentioned above, UNHCR promotes livelihood programmes including crop production, animal husbandry, vocational training and income generating activities. As part of its contribution to the refugee programme, the government of Mozambique fully covers salaries of line Ministry staff including teachers, nurses and others and provides most of the drugs and ART to refugees free of charge.

Through the "Delivering as One" initiative, UNHCR participates in four joint programmes on Decentralization, Youth Employment, Culture and more recently on HIV and AIDS. The activities under these joint programmes not only enhance capacity of government counter parts and address sectoral gaps but more importantly, have further cemented the good and harmonious relationship between the refugee and host communities.

The majority of our refugees come from South Eastern DRC, where conditions are not yet conducive to return in safety and dignity. Therefore, the search for durable solutions is mainly focused on resettlement to third countries and self reliance to enhance local integration prospects. A total of 218 refugees were identified for resettlement to third countries last year. The target population for 2010 is 300 individuals and as at end of May, 100 individuals have already been interviewed for possible submission to recipient countries.

As has been the tradition in the past, World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20th June 2010. UNHCR Mozambique and INAR jointly organized a number of events in Maputo and Maratane Refugee Camp. The theme this year was "Home - you can take away my home but you can not take my future". This was chosen to highlight both the critical need for solutions and the need to ensure refugees have access to education and employment so that their lives and dignity are not put on hold while solutions are sought.

Within the UN reform and "Delivering as One" spirit, UNHCR will continue to work with the Government of Mozambique, our sister UN agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure that the rights of refugees and asylum seekers in Mozambique are upheld.



Girma Gebre Kristos
UNHCR Representative

Ministry of the Youth and Sports and the United Nations hold first joint planning meeting

The Ministry of the Youth and Sports and the UN Country Team in June, 2010 held their first joint planning meeting to discuss national plans for youth and areas of cooperation and assistance for the next five year.

Youth and Sports Minister, Pedrito Caetano leading a high level delegation from his ministry, comprising National Directors of various portfolios, stated that the proposed Joint Action Plan between his ministry and the UN comes at an appropriate time as the Parliament has just endorsed the five year Government Plan (PQG 2010-2014), an instrument that will guide national development priorities.

"The PQG places youth on top of the national agenda, defining youth as the main human resource in national development, and the driving force in the struggle to eradicate poverty", the Minister said. In addition to the PQG, the Minister explained that the plan under discussion is also based in the resolution of the International Conference on Population and Development, on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the African Youth Charter that define as priorities for youth: Education, Employment and Youth Development, Women/Girls Rights, quality of sexual and reproductive health and youth involvement and empowerment.

In this context the, the national plan on youth contemplates the following areas of intervention:

- 1) Formulate and implement policies and strategies that promote active youth participation in development
- 2) Consolidate youth associations as a source of learning and of youth participation
- 3) Promote youth participation in employment creation and self-employment opportunities and raise their participation in development,
- 4) Promote healthy sexual habits in youth, and
- 5) Promote cooperation and experience exchange among youth.

In the area of sports, the ministry will focus on the following:

- 1) Sports as a tool for community development; and
- 2) Sports as a tool to promote gender equality.

Leading the United Nations delegation of Heads of Agencies and senior programme officers, the

UN Resident Coordinator, Ndolamb Ngokwey, said that this meeting was opportune and in the UN reform context. "As UN Agencies work more closely together, we consult the Government together and find common ways to mobilize synergies for a more effective support to the development agenda".

Further, the UN is in the process of drafting the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the next cycle, it was even more critical to jointly plan with the government to be able to focus on the priorities areas. "Youth well being and development is one of the key areas of UN support, where many agencies intervene. Rather than individual meetings with Government, Delivering as One means working under the Government leadership together", Ngokwey explained.

The consultation meeting agreed that, using its comparative advantages, the UN will, among other areas,

continue supporting the Ministry in Physical Education and Sports in Schools; the functioning of Provincial Youth Councils; widen the implementation country-wide of a youth and adolescents programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health; Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections and HIV and AIDS known as "Geração Biz"; the establishment of a national programme on voluntarism; and the development and promotion of the creative and cultural industries, creation of youth employment and programmes that focus on young women.

The two delegations established technical working teams to ensure that the outlined priorities are reflected in the UNDAF under development as well as the short term support for activities that must be implemented immediately to meet the aspirations of the Mozambican young people.



The UN Resident Coordinator (left) listens intently to the Minister of Youth and Sports

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Global conference calls on UN to step-up reform

Maputo, 22 June 2010 - The United Nations, Development Partners, and Governments have hailed the progress made through the accelerated reforms piloted by eight countries since 2007 and reaffirmed that the old way of doing business is no longer an option calling upon the UN system to institutionalize business and management systems that enhance efficiency and effectiveness in programme countries. Mozambique is one of the countries that volunteered to pioneer the UN reform, along with Albania, Cape Verde, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uruguay, and Viet Nam.

The call was made at the end of a three day international conference in mid June 2010, in Hanoi, Viet Nam, held to review and evaluate progress of the reform programme also known as the "Delivering as One" initiative. The event brought together over 260 participants from piloting countries that have voluntarily adopted the Delivering as One approach and seven countries that were invited to exchange experiences, 22 countries that have funded and are interested in the UN reform process, and delegates from the UN, international organizations and diplomatic missions in Viet Nam.

This global conference on Delivering as One, strongly stated that the reform will and need to be continued. "Pilot countries lead the way in operationalising the vision of the UN system at the country level," said Dr. Rose-Asha Migiro, the United Nations Deputy Secretary General. The Delivering as One UN reform aims to creating a more coherent, effective and efficient

UN. In Mozambique, the initiative has been implemented with great success and has improved UN coherence, coordination and efficiency through the establishment of common services, one UN ICT infrastructure and the implementation of 11 Joint Programmes among others. As the Mozambique country-led evaluation indicates, the UN in Mozambique has benefited from strong Government ownership, thus effectively establishing a solid foundation for the 'Delivering as One' approach in less than 3 years.

The Outcome Statement of the Conference calls upon the UN system to institutionalize business and management systems that enhance efficiency and effectiveness in programme countries. The Statement also calls upon donors to provide multi-year, predictable and unearmarked funding to programme countries to make the Delivering as One approach in pilot countries credible now, as well as relevant and applicable to all other Member States in their future development activities.

Further, the Outcome Statement was complemented by a closing statement on behalf of the donors. "Donors appreciate the way Delivering as One countries have demonstrated national ownership and leadership, and stand ready to respond to Governments' requests to work through the One UN programme," Mr Jostein Leiro, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway stated.

The host Government concluded that: "The success of the conference will contribute to efforts to enhance coherence and effectiveness in UN operations, as stated in the resolutions of the General Assembly on UN system-wide coherence," Vietnamese Minister of Planning and Investment Vo Hong Phuc remarked.

Delivering as One

When the Secretary-General launched Delivering as One, the governments of eight countries - Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uruguay, and Viet Nam - volunteered to become "Delivering as One" pilots. The pilot countries agreed to work with the UN system to capitalize on the strengths and comparative advantages of the different members of the UN family. Together they are experimenting with ways to increase the UN system's impact through more coherent programmes, reduced transaction costs for governments, and lower overhead costs for the UN system.

Delivering as One has brought together partner countries, donors and UN country teams with fresh energy, momentum and a greater sense of common purpose. By strongly encouraging the eight pilot country teams to implement reforms and by giving them broad latitude to innovate and experiment with ways of working together as one UN team, Delivering as One has tested a number of different and ways of working together differently to better support of development efforts.

Visit of High-Level UNV mission to Mozambique

As Mozambique continues to pursue its development agenda, volunteerism can play a key role in mobilizing the skills the country desperately requires - affirmed Ghulam Isaccai, Chief of Development Division of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) headquarters in Bonn, Germany on a Mission to Mozambique in June.

The UNV programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. It uses volunteerism as a means of engaging people in tackling development challenges, and to transform the pace and nature of development.

Volunteerism is also perceived by the organization as benefiting both society at large and the individual volunteer by strengthening trust, solidarity and reciprocity among citizens, and by purposefully creating opportunities for participation.

The UNV also advocates for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and

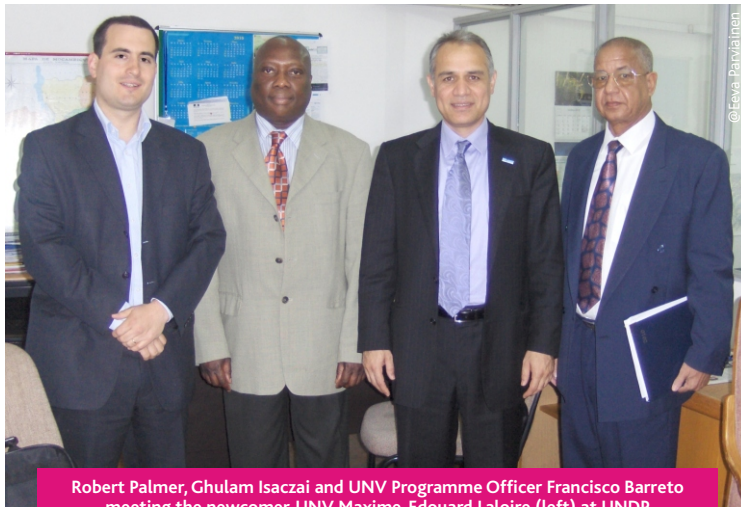
diversity of volunteers throughout the world. UNV embraces volunteerism as universal and inclusive, and recognizes volunteerism in its diversity as well as the values that sustain it: free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity.

The programme is also supporting the establishment of National Volunteer Agency and the UN Joint Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction. The total support to the country in these areas is \$ US 3.5 million.

The UNV mission, which also integrated Portfolio Manager, Robert Palmer, participated in the UNDAF prioritization workshop with a view to integrating volunteerism into one of the outcomes. They also discussed both the current development issues facing the country, and how the UNV programme can best contribute to the UN's agenda.

To enhance collaboration, including progress in enacting a law on volunteerism and implementation of a volunteer policy, and to garner support for the marking of the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2011, the mission met with various government officials. They also met with the UN Heads of

Agencies, the National Volunteers Council, and with current UN volunteers serving in Mozambique, to increase their understanding of the issues faced by volunteers and the conditions in which UN volunteers work in Mozambique.



Robert Palmer, Ghulam Isaccai and UNV Programme Officer Francisco Barreto meeting the newcomer-UNV Maxime-Edouard Laloire (left) at UNDP

In Mozambique, there over currently 50 UN volunteers participating in various activities within UN agencies. Of these, 40 are national volunteers, the majority of whom work with the World Food Programme as Food Aid Monitors and international UN Volunteers who are mostly funded by their countries of origin.

Mozambique Government and UN discuss assistance priority areas for the next five years

Senior Mozambique Government and United Nations officials held a consultation workshop in Maputo, in mid June 2010, to map out the areas of intervention for UN support for the next United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), to roll out in 2012.

The meeting also provided a forum for sharing and agreeing on the methodology for drafting the next UNDAF. Participants also reviewed the Government Five Year Plan (PQG), the development challenges the country faces and the UN comparative advantages so as to map out the UN priority intervention areas for the next cycle.

coordination so that there is harmonization and coherence in UN agencies allowing for clearer government leadership, the PS called on the participants to "conduct an open and frank debate so as to achieve the common objective of mapping out the priorities for UN support in the national development agenda".

The United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ndolamb Ngokwey said that the meeting is part of a permanent dialogue that exists between the Government and the UN. He noted that because of this permanent dialogue, the Government leads the whole process and the UN supports the national development



important step for better coordination and planning between the Government and the United Nations. Among other, they recommended the following:

- 1) Map out all Government partners interventions to be able to better identify the UN comparative advantages;
- 2) Have joint participation of government and United Nations staff in the upcoming UNDAF development capacity building workshops on Monitoring and Evaluation and on a Culture Gender and a Human Rights Based UNDAF;
- 3) Improve the formulation of priority areas of intervention and of UN comparative advantage, so as to increase common understanding;
- 4) The Ministry of Planning and Development will share the TOR's for the documents under development to operationalize and monitor the PQG;
- 5) The Government expressed its satisfaction to have been included in the UNDAF planning process at this early stage as this will greatly improve the interaction in identification and definition priority areas the first UN has taken this approach.



Government and the United Nations are prioritizing areas of intervention

Specifically, the participants were expected to reach an understanding on the following: 1) the country's development priorities as reflected in the PQG, 2) UN in Mozambique comparative advantages to be able to address the identified national priorities and 3) the proposed steps for the drafting of the new UNDAF.

"This forum is a great opportunity for mutual understanding between the Government of Mozambique and the United Nations, as we embark on the developing the various instruments that will operationalize the PQG", said Salimo Valá, the Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Planning and Development Ministry who led the 35 member Government delegation.

Noting that this workshop is a direct result of the UN Delivering as One initiative whereby the organization is pursuing better ways of

priorities. In supporting the PQG, the UN has listed potential priority areas of UN continued intervention the achievement of the MDGs, combating HIV and AIDS, promotion of gender Equality and Equity, food security and social security, promotion of rural development among others.

"The United Nations seeks to be aligned to the national priorities, applying its most comparative advantages in creating the most impact in development for the people of Mozambique, using the UN global programmatic principles of Human Rights Based Approach, Environmental Sustainability, Gender Equality and Equity, and Results Based Management in capacity development.", stated the UN Resident Coordinator.

The participants noted that the meeting was an

Commemorative Dates

July

- 3 International Day of Cooperatives (1st Saturday)
- 11 World Population Day

Up-coming Events

- Public launch of the UN Delivering as One country led Evaluation Report
- Nomination of the new members for the UN Civil Society Advisory Committee
- Consultation seminars with Government and Civil Society on prioritization of UN intervention thematic and programmatic areas for the UNDAF

