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The combined effects of natural disasters, conflicts and the COVID-19 pandemic left many people in Mozambique in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

As of October 31, 2021, Mozambique hosts 28,788 refugees and asylum seekers mainly from the Democratic Republic of Congo and from Burundi - as well as more than 860,000 IDPs. Since 2017, around 745,000 people have fled their homes in Northern Mozambique due to violence and instability - the vast majority being displaced in Cabo Delgado (642,000) - while around 116,385 people have been displaced in Central Mozambique due to natural disasters. 52% of the overall IDP population are children.

Two years after Tropical Cyclone Idai and Cyclone Kenneth hit Mozambique in March 2019, the storm cycle continues, with frequent natural disasters causing damage and affecting the population. And although violence is now leading to less displacement, the situation remains volatile and the humanitarian food assistance needs remain high, with an estimated 1.3 million people currently in need: 14% of the total population.

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