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ENVIRONMENTAL COUNTRY PROFILE FOR SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT

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The purpose of this Environmental Country Profile is to inform the Mozambique Shelter Cluster and to improve the capacity and quality of the humanitarian response in shelter and settlements. This resource will support agencies to minimize any negative impact of humanitarian response on the environment, as per Shelter and Settlements Sphere Standard 7: Environmental Sustainability, and the regulations of the Government of Mozambique.

The Global Shelter Cluster (GSC) is an open platform for the coordination of the humanitarian shelter and settlement sector, with more than 45 partners participating consistently globally. The GSC is co-chaired by IFRC and UNHCR at the global level, and it has 695 partners who participate on a regular basis. IFRC is the convener of the Shelter Cluster in disaster settings, while UNHCR leads the Shelter Cluster in conflict situations. The Environmental Country Profile aligns with the [2024-2028 Global Shelter Cluster Strategy](#), specifically under “Strategic Priority 1.2: Improve Environmental Impact”. It emphasizes the critical importance of integrating environmental and climate change considerations into shelter and settlement responses to enhance the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian operations. This approach not only addresses immediate needs but also contributes to long-term, sustainable solutions that safeguard future generations. It also highlights the necessity of intersectoral collaboration, focusing on proactive measures to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to climate change and environmental degradation.

[Estratégia Nacional de Desenvolvimento 2025-2044](#) | Ministério de Economia e Finanças, 2024 is the latest country strategy for development in Mozambique, and priorities 5 and 6 align with the GSC strategy.

Develop capabilities for prevention, adaptation to climate change and disaster risk management, reducing damage and losses to infrastructure and the well-being of the population. Promoting investments in renewable energy and sustainable practices - Priority V of Mozambique's National Development Strategy 2025-2044

Implement policies and incentives to promote the conservation of natural capital and environmental protection, integrating territorial planning and the blue-green economy as one of the arms for the development of the circular economy - Priority VI of Mozambique's National Development Strategy 2025-2044

Some proposed actions to meet these priorities include:

- conducting disaster risk assessments and mapping of risk areas
- establishment of monitoring and evaluation systems
- stimulating investment in clean and renewable energy sources, and reducing carbon emissions
- the improvement of coordination, cooperation and partnerships
- integrating the community and partners in the decision-making process

- transitioning to a circular economy, encouraging the reduction, reuse and recycling of materials.

Evidence and scientific-based decision-making is also an important action listed in the country strategy. This Environmental Country Profile compiles the latest shelter and settlement data and publications in the country, as well as local and international guidelines from key members of the [Mozambique Shelter Cluster](#).

Development and updating

The development of the Mozambique Environmental Country Profile was led by the Global Shelter Cluster and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) with the generous financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It was based on the extensive knowledge of Mozambique Shelter Cluster partners and Government counterparts, many of whom contributed to the development of the Profile. These organisations include (in alphabetical order):

- Ação para Desenvolvimento Social (ADS)
- ADRA Mozambique Associação dos Amigos do Bambu (ASSAMBA)
- Associação de Jovens Para a Evangelização em Melodia (AJOPEM)
- Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale (AVSI)
- Caritas
- Gabinete de Reconstrução Pós-Ciclone (GREPOC)
- German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- International Organisation of Migration (IOM)
- Instituto Nacional de Gestão de Desastres (INGD)
- Ministério das Obras Públicas, Habitação e Recursos Hídricos (MOPHRH)
- Miracles in Moz
- Mozambique Logistics Cluster
- Mozambique Red Cross Society (CVM)
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- Oikos
- Peace Winds Japan
- Post-Cyclone Idai Reconstruction Office (GREPOC)
- ShelterBox
- Swedish Red Cross
- UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
- World Vision International (WVI)

This profile provides current, country-specific guidance, and partners are encouraged to contribute with feedback and insights to ensure that it remains accurate and relevant (see contact details on page 4). The Shelter Cluster will revise and update the document as new information becomes available, or following a major response in the country. These periodic updates ensure that environmental and shelter and settlement-related issues and practices remain contextually relevant under changing scenarios.

Structure of the Profile

The profile contains a [checklist](#) outlining key actions to be taken by the coordination team, programme managers and field staff during each phase of the humanitarian program cycle, and 18 chapters which provide further guidance on each action. The structure is designed to be as operational as possible and allow users to easily access relevant information without reading the entire document.

It is recommended that coordinators, programme managers and field staff be familiar with the content of the whole Profile. Given the role of shelter and settlements in promoting health, supporting family and community life, and providing dignity, security and access to livelihoods, and environment being a cross-cutting issue, this profile is also relevant to other sectors.

Checklist and Chapters

Chapter	Title and link
00	Checklist
01	Country environment, hazard, conflict and housing context
02	Key actors
03	Regulatory requirements and institutions
04	Ecologically protected and sensitive areas
05	Hazards and maps
06	Rapid environmental impact assessment
07	Environmental management and monitoring plan
08	Project management cycle and sustainable construction
09	GIS data for humanitarian shelter programming
10	Environment, site selection and planning
11	Security of tenure and environment
12	Site decommissioning
13	Green building practices and materials
14	Green logistics and procurement
15	Greening household items
16	Energy and fuel
17	Debris and waste management
18	Climate risk management and adaptation and nature-based solutions

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