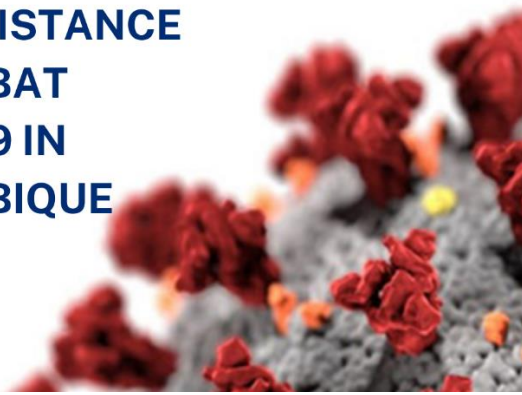




## U.S. ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT COVID-19 IN MOZAMBIQUE



### United States Government support for COVID-19 response in Mozambique

*As of July 16, 2021*

**Overview:** The U.S. Government has delivered early and ongoing support to strengthen Mozambique's resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic through building on the longstanding partnership between both countries. As of July 2021, the U.S. Government has invested more than **\$38 million** to prevent, test, trace, and treat COVID-19 cases in Mozambique. As the largest donor to the global vaccine facility, COVAX, the U.S. Government also committed to providing 580 million vaccines to countries most in need, including Mozambique.

The U.S. Government continues to assess humanitarian needs in Mozambique during the third wave of COVID-19 infections and plans to provide further support to communities in need. To date, COVID-19 assistance from the U.S. Government to Mozambique includes:

**\$18.5 Million in Emergency Funding:** Since April 2020, the U.S. Government has funded emergency equipment, supplies, and services to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in Mozambique. The support includes:

- Donating 50 ventilators, along with training and assistance on their deployment. (See [press release](#))
- Providing equipment, laboratory supplies, and training and supervision of personal protection equipment (PPE) use.
- Supplying Department of Defense-funded PPE for military and civilian hospitals and clinics nationwide.
- Setting up call centers in 3 provinces and response teams in 9 provinces.
- Creating and disseminating public health messages on COVID-19 prevention.
- Strengthening passenger screening and tracking at Maputo International Airport.
- Ensuring the provision of safe drinking water.

**\$15.5 Million in Humanitarian Assistance:** The U.S. Government allocated additional humanitarian assistance to UN and civil society partners for emergency food, health, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance to vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and violence in Cabo Delgado. The support includes:

- Providing health, protection, and WASH services to support COVID-19 prevention measures among internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities.
- Supporting agricultural production and emergency food and nutrition assistance among IDP communities in northern Mozambique.
- Improving access to health care, PPE, sanitation services, and hygiene facilities.

**\$4 Million in Quick-Response Funding:** The U.S. Government instructed its implementing partners to redirect available funding to quickly respond to the pandemic. The support includes:

- Purchasing supplies, including PPE, and training and implementation of clinical preparedness and infection prevention measures for COVID-19.
- Setting up information systems for virus surveillance and country response
- Developing a database of domestic producers and suppliers of COVID-19 equipment.
- Connecting agricultural producers to wholesalers to protect food supply chains.
- Covering shortfalls in salaries for park rangers and guards, caused by COVID-19 tourism restrictions, ensuring continuity of efforts to counter wildlife trafficking.

**Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building:** The U.S. Government has provided a significant number of staff to support Mozambican government health professionals. Key roles include:

- Developing the overall strategy, operational plan, and budget for Mozambique's COVID-19 response.
- Jointly financing the South Africa-based COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing to be distributed to African countries via the African Union and COVAX.
- Supporting teams for seroprevalence surveys in various provinces.
- Training at health facilities and COVID-19 isolation centers.
- Assisting laboratory testing, surveillance, case investigation, and contact tracing.
- Coordinating the purchase and tracking of emergency commodities such as test kits.
- Funding nurses, physicians, data managers, and general service personnel to supplement existing hospital staff.