

EU COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EUROPEAN UNION TRAINING MISSION IN MOZAMBIQUE (EUTM MOZ)

SITUATION BACKGROUND

Cabo Delgado is the northernmost province of Mozambique. Since 2017, the province has been affected by increased levels of violence linked to actions by armed groups and attacks claimed by the Islamic State. As a result, the security and humanitarian situation has deteriorated, causing suffering for the Cabo Delgado people and threatening the stability of the area and its economic development.

The European Union has launched a **military training mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique)** following a request from the Mozambican government to support their armed forces through a training and capacity building mission. The mission will **provide training and support** to the Mozambican armed forces to protect the civilian population and restore security in the Cabo Delgado province. It has a non-executive mandate and will end two years after having reached full operational capability.

The mission will count on additional support under the **European Peace Facility (EPF)** aimed at providing non-lethal equipment to the units trained by EUTM. On 30 July, the EU adopted an urgent measure of €4 million. This will provide the most urgently required equipment and supplies needed to complement the training of the two Mozambican companies scheduled to be the first to benefit from the mission's training. The High Representative of the EU will soon present a more comprehensive proposal for an assistance measure in support of the Mozambican armed forces.

EUTM Mozambique is one of the EU´s tools to address the crisis in Cabo Delgado. It will complement broader EU peacebuilding efforts, conflict prevention and dialogue support, humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVES

The **primary task** of the mission is to support a more efficient and effective response by the Mozambican armed forces to the crisis in Cabo Delgado in compliance with human rights law and international humanitarian law.

EUTM Mozambique will support the capacity building of the units of the Mozambican armed forces selected to compose a future Quick Reaction Force, for them to develop the necessary and sustainable capacities to restore safety and security in Cabo Delgado.

To this end, the mission will **support the capacity building** of the units of the Mozambican armed forces in the following areas:

- military training including operational preparation;
- specialised training, including on counterterrorism;
- training and education on the protection of civilians and compliance with international humanitarian law and human rights law, including specific training on Women, Peace and Security.

EUTM Mozambique will train eleven companies: five companies of Mozambique navy marines in Katembe, and six companies of Army special forces, in Chimoio. It will build on the training already undertaken by the Portuguese army and closely liaise with other international partners.

FACTS AND FIGURES HEADQUARTER OPERATION COMMANDER Vice-Admiral Hervé BLEJEAN (FR) **Maputo MISSION FORCE COMMANDER OPERATION BUDGET Brigadier-General Nuno** €15.16 million **LEMOS PIRES (PT) MANDATE APPROVED UNTIL** 2 years after reaching Full 10 **Operational Capability**

POLITICAL CONTROL AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION



The **Political and Security Committee** exercises the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mozambique, under the responsibility of the Council of the EU and of the High Representative.