

## UN-Private Sector Deep Dive Meeting on WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Interventions in Cabo Delgado

17<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 14:00-15:30  
Virtual Meeting

### Attendees:

- UNICEF, MSP/TWP, Syrah Resources, ExxonMobil, Susamati and TotalEnergies

### Issues discussed:

- The MSP/TWP team opened the meeting highlighting that this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 5 planned UN-Private Sector Deep Dives.
- The key health cluster partners in Cabo Delgado include organizations, such as:

UN Agencies	
NGOs	
Private	

- UNICEF kicked off the presentations with an overview of the WASH cluster as follows:
  - The WASH cluster in Cabo Delgado is currently coordinated by UNICEF.
  - The focal points for Mocímboa da Praia (MdP) and Palma are Solidarité and ForAfrika, respectively.
  - In MdP the cluster members were mostly concentrated in the district's headquarters, MdP sede, until the 1st half of 2023, as security concerns restricted access to other localities, whereas in Palma the members are present in all localities.
  - While in MdP the most conducted activities are sanitation and hygiene, in Palma the most demanded WASH activities while in Palma most interventions are in Hygiene.
  - The main constraints reported in Palma and MdP include: - low participation of private sector companies; - lack of water points; - low capacity to conduct geophysical surveys; and difficult road access conditions during rainy seasons.
- Susamati, a company providing sanitation construction, training, and mapping all over Mozambique, gave a company overview of their projects.

- Susamati then specifically focused on its ongoing project in Cabo Delgado, supported by the Irish Embassy, that includes mapping of sanitation needs of more than 2000 families, construction of WASH infrastructure, and sanitation awareness campaigns in Chuiba.
- Exxon Mobil presented next, stressing that access to water is one of the priority areas of interventions within their community investment development policy, with the following activities in Palma:
  - Phase 1 – already concluded lead to the rehabilitation of an existing water tower and public fountains that reach 20,000 people;
  - Phase 2 - ongoing and includes the construction of 3 fountains in central Palma, 30 new boreholes and the repair of 24 boreholes and 2 water towers;
  - An MoU was signed for Exxon to provide electricity to Palma City Council.
- TotalEnergies informed that their plans for WASH were initially meant to provide humanitarian assistance in a period when humanitarian agencies were absent in Palma. Their interventions were described as follows:
  - Between 2021 and 2022 – when insurgency started, boreholes were built in IDP camps. Water wells were repaired in IDP relocation communities including 78 in Palma and in 28 in MdP, new water wells are 3 in Palma and 4 in MdP
  - In 2023 – interventions are focused on communities where there are returnees. 11 new boreholes in Palma and 11 new boreholes in MdP are planned by EoY.
  - TotalEnergies informed that they presently participate in 2 WASH clusters in Northern Cabo Delgado/
  - Constraints raised by the private sector include a lack of public electricity infrastructure;
- In a brief Q&A, it was asked whether a consolidated map of WASH interventions existed. The group was informed that SDPI (District Infrastructure and Planning Services) was in the process of mapping this.
- As final considerations the following actions were recommended:
  - Higher participation from the private sector in WASH coordination meetings;
  - All implementing organizations need to map their interventions;
  - There is a need to work closely with GoM authorities, especially at district level;
  - There is a need for more coordination among the different implementors.

#### **Next steps:**

- Exxon Mobil suggested to map all the companies' WASH activities in order to improve readiness to make more informed decisions while considering future interventions;
- UNICEF agreed to share updated information on the WASH interventions in Balama;
- UNICEF will share a link for SPDI's open-source mapping system will be shared;
- All participants will share their organizations' focal points working at the district level;
- The MSP Secretariat will compile and share the presentations made during the meeting and a consolidated list of focal points of WASH implementing organizations, from both the WASH Cluster and Private sector.