



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 **provides 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 counts on additional support under the **European Peace Facility (EPF)** aimed at providing non-lethal equipment to the units trained by EUTM. On 21 April 2022, the EU adopted a decision amending the assistance measure for support to the Mozambican Armed Forces under the European Peace Facility (EPF) adopted in November 2021, adding a further amount of €45 million. This additional support brings overall EPF support for Mozambique to €89 million in total. The assistance measure aims to strengthen EU support for capacity building and the deployment of the units of the Mozambican Armed Forces trained by the EU Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique). This support consists of the provision of integrated packages of equipment and supplies in conjunction with EU training missions. The aim is to ensure that the training is as efficient and effective as possible, enabling EUTM-trained troops to be fully operational and self-sufficient upon deployment. Through this assistance measure, the EU will finance equipment to benefit the eleven Mozambican companies to be trained by the EUTM, including individual and collective equipment, ground mobility assets, as well as a field hospital.

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 supports 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 has been built on the training already undertaken by the Portuguese armed forces and closely liaise with other international partners. Additionally, EUTM Mozambique provides training to Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) teams at the Mavalane Training Camp, and conducts the programme "Train-the-trainers" at the different training centres. The "Train-the-trainers" programme will allow the Mozambican armed forces to be autonomous with the QRF training."

FACTS AND FIGURES



HEADQUARTER
Maputo



OPERATION COMMANDER
Lieutenant General Michiel VAN DER LAAN (NL)



MISSION FORCE COMMANDER
Brigadier General JOÃO GONÇALVES (PT)



OPERATION BUDGET
€15.16 million



MANDATE APPROVED UNTIL
09 September 2024



TROOP CONTRIBUTING NATIONS
11



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.

The Operational Mission Commander of EUTM Mozambique is the Director of the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC), **Lieutenant General Michiel VAN DER LAAN**, based in Brussels. The Mission Force Commander in theatre is the Portuguese Major General João Gonçalves.

