

MWANZA DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE

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REPORT ON MOZAMBIQUE ASYLUM SEEKERS IN MWANZA DISTRICT

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INTRODUCTION

Mwanza District Council received a report in the afternoon of 20th January, 2025 that there are Mozambiquans at Kunenekude running from the violence that are in their country. The report was made by Health Surveillance Assistants whose villages were invaded by the asylum seekers. On 21st January, 2025, Mwanza District Rapid Response Team conducted an assessment on the situation on the ground.

Findings

A total of 63 (34m, 29f) people with 46 children (29m, 17f) was found in three different places around Kunenekude area, TA Kanduku. The people are all from Tsangano District, Madzimayera, Mphulu village. The people are staying in the 3 villages as follows;

Kunenekude village

In this village there are 44 (24m, 20f) people with 32(21m, 11f) children staying in 5 households.

- Household 1, has 6 female headed households staying together with a total of 26 (12m, 14f) people (6 female adults with 20 (12m, 8f) children.
- Household 2, has 3 men without families
- Household 3, has 9 (6m, 3f) people, with 8 children (6m, 2f)
- Household 4, has 5 (3m, 2f), people with 3 children (3m, 1f)
- Household 5, has 1 person female without a child.

Samu village

- Household 1, has 11 (5m, 6 f) people with 9 children (4m, 5f). They are staying at a land that belongs to their relative who bought it long time ago, but they are all Mozambiquans.

Amosi Village

In this village there are 8 (5m, 3f) people with 5 (4m, 1f) children staying in 2 households.

- Household 1, has 4 (2m, 2f) people with 3 children (2m, 1f). It is a female headed household.
- Household 2, has 4 (3m, 1f) people, 2 children (2m).

In summary

HOUSEHOLDS	NUMBER OF ADULT PEOPLE			NUMBER OF CHILDREN		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
8	34	29	63	29	17	46

Needs assessment

- Food
- Shelter
- Clothes
- Blankets
- Mat
- Some of the people look to be sick requiring medical attention.
- 2 people complained of running out of drugs (ART), but they did not carry the medical papers with them when entering Malawi.
- Dignity kits
- Diapers
- WASH services

What has been done

- The district has conducted fact finding and needs assessment.

- The Village headman and surrounding communities have provided them with temporary shelter and contributed little food.
- Chlorine solution has been provided

Recommendation

- There is need for a quick response on food as the village headmen were complaining that they also do not have enough food.
- There is need for provision of shelter.
- The District health office to enhance surveillance in the area
- The district health office through WASH department to provide WASH supplies
- District partners and other stakeholders beyond Mwanza district to support the district in the management of the situation.

