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RMDDH and OHCHR train human rights defenders in “Human Rights and Civic Space”

The Mozambican Network of Human Rights Defenders (RMDDH), in partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Mozambique, held on 12 and 13 April 2022 a training on “Human Rights and Civic Space”, in Pemba City, Cabo Delgado.



The training was attended by 30 Human Rights Defenders and aimed to equip them with knowledge on mechanisms and tools for their protection and promotion of civic space in Mozambique.

The training is part of RMDDH’s mission to

strengthen the capacities and resilience of Human Rights Defenders in the country and brought together Human Rights Defenders working in different areas and districts to defend human dignity in Cabo Delgado province.



In opening remarks, the Executive Director of the Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (Southern Defenders), Washington Katema, the representative of OHCHR, Manuela Cruz and the Coordinator

of RMDDH, Sheila Nhancale, stressed the importance of training so that Human Rights Defenders have the capacity to prevent or react in cases of violation of their rights.



The first day of training (12 April) was facilitated by Washington Katema, Manuela Cruz, Ivete Mafundza and Deliane de Sousa, who presented the International Human Rights Protection

System, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, Humanitarian Protection and Internal Conflict and Mechanisms for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.

On the second day of training (13 April), Professor Adriano Nuvunga, President of RMDDH, presented the national work plan of the Network. On the same day, the Human Rights Defenders discussed a strategic plan

of action for Cabo Delgado province.

The training programme “Human Rights and Civic Space” is available at: <https://redemmoz-defensoresdireitoshumanos.org/.../Agenda...>



The facilitators used methods which consisted of group work, simulations and drama, reflecting on cases of human rights

violations and clarification of doubts as a way of ensuring mastery of the subjects covered.





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