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OHCHR visits RMDDH offices in Pemba, Cabo Delgado

- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) conducted a working visit to the Mozambican Network of Human Rights Defenders (RMDDH) offices, in the city of Pemba, Cabo Delgado province. The visit took place last Thursday, May 26, as part of the partnership between RMDDH and OHCHR.





During the visit, OHCHR and RMDDH discussed joint actions to strengthen the capacity and resilience of Human Rights Defenders, as well as improve protection and security within their mission to promote and defend Human Rights. OHCHR was represented by the Senior Human Rights Advisor, Ana Mesquita, and the agency’s representative in Cabo Delgado, Manuela Cruz. The RMDDH was represented by the Coordinator Sheila Nhancale and the focal point in Cabo Delgado.

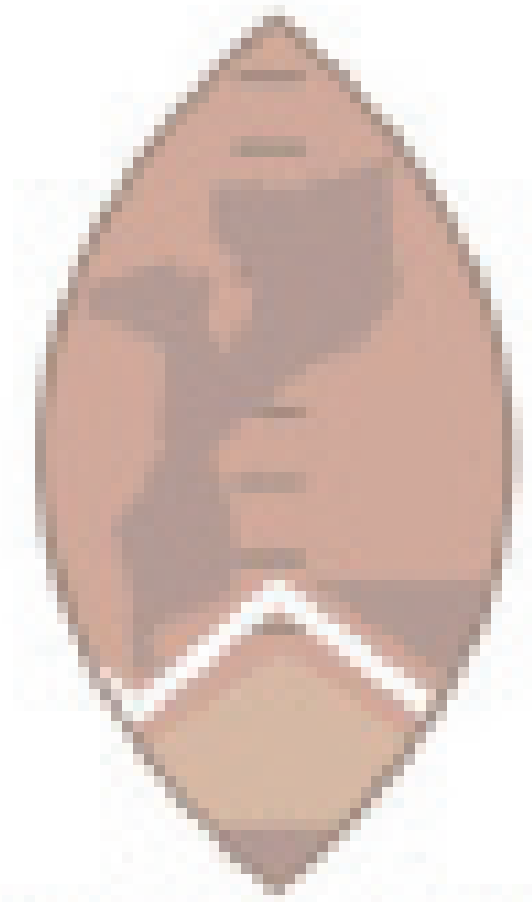
After the presentation of the RMDDH Plan of Activities for the year 2022, the Senior Human Rights Advisor expressed OHCHR’s availability to continue working in partnership with RMDDH and congratulated this institution for the opening of the office in Pemba, Cabo Delgado.

“Congratulations on the opening of the RMDDH office in Pemba, it has great potential and many activities in your plan

are also part of our agenda. So it makes sense for OHCHR to support the RMDDH advocates,” said OHCHR’s Senior Human Rights Advisor, Ana Mesquita.

The RMDDH office in Pemba operates since April 2022 and is part of the implementation of the Project “Building Resilience, Inclusion and Capacity of Human Rights Defenders (BRIC)”, funded by the European Union (EU). The office is strategic in the context of the armed conflict affecting Cabo Delgado, which increases the vulnerabilities and risks of Human Rights Defenders.

In addition to the opening of the office, RMDDH, in partnership with OHCHR in Mozambique, is conducting a series of trainings on “Human Rights and Civic Space” for Human Rights Defenders based in Cabo Delgado. The training series aims to provide Human Rights Defenders with knowledge on Human Rights and civic space.



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