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**Invitation to attend a virtual press conference by UNHCR heads of International Protection and Operations from Pemba, Cabo Delgado**

**JOHANNESBURG/NAIROBI/MAPUTO-** UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, Assistant High Commissioners for International Protection and Operations, Ms Gillian Triggs and Mr Raouf Mazou, are visiting the conflict affected Cabo Delgado province of Mozambique, to assess the plight of thousands of people displaced by ongoing violence since October 2017.

The high-level delegation is expected to meet with internally displaced people and local communities generously hosting them. The two Assistant High Commissioners will also review relief activities. The UNHCR delegation will also meet with the local authorities and humanitarian workers. Currently, Mozambique hosts almost 700,000 internally displaced people in Nampula, Niassa and Cabo Delgado provinces.

UNHCR Assistant High Commissioners are planning to address a virtual press conference from Pemba – the capital of Cabo Delgado, on **Friday 19 March 2021 at 9:00 am SAST** – respecting COVID-19 regulations and precautions. Their opening remarks will be followed by a Q&A session.

Attendance to this virtual press briefing is by invitation only. Given limited connectivity and capacity, we ask that only one journalist per news outlet attend. Please also note that RSVP is mandatory for attendance. Further details, including joining instructions, will be shared upon confirmation of attendance.

**Please confirm your attendance to NAME, latest by 16 March 202 at 06:00 pm SAST time to the following email: [fontanin@unhcr.org](mailto:fontanin@unhcr.org).**

Participants:

- Mr Samuel Chakwera, UNHCR Representative Mozambique
- Ms Gillian Triggs, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner Protection
- Mr Raouf Mazou, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner Operations

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