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MOZAMBIQUE/COVID-19

We have a COVID-19 update from Mozambique, where authorities two days ago confirmed two suspected cases of the Omicron variant.

The UN team, led by the Resident Coordinator, Myrta Kaulard, is increasing its support on the health and socioeconomic fronts, working with authorities, the private sector and civil society.

To tackle the wider impacts of the pandemic, 13 per cent of the UN team's sustainable development programme funding has been redirected to the COVID-19 response. Nearly 3 million people have received services, including food assistance, water and sanitation supplies, emergency cash transfers and psychosocial support.

Mozambique has received over 5 million doses through COVAX, and the World Health Organization and UNICEF are supporting the ongoing national vaccination campaign.