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The following is a near-verbatim transcript of today's noon briefing by Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesman for the Secretary-General.

**\*\*Mozambique**

Quick update from Mozambique, where our humanitarian colleagues tell us that more than 17,000 people in the northern districts of Ancyabe and Chiure in Cabo Delgado were forced to flee their homes after attacks in the past week. A vast majority of the people who have been displaced are women and children.

To date, humanitarian organizations have helped more than 1,700 people while the UN Humanitarian Air Service airlifts aid supplies. Our partners are also prepositioning food, education and hygiene kits.

Since the beginning of the year we, along with our partners, have reached 100,000 people in Cabo Delgado. We are targeting to reach 84,000 people with regular humanitarian assistance in the Ancyabe and Meluco districts.

And again, we remind all parties to the conflict that they must respect and protect civilians, as well as facilitate rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian relief to civilians in need. It is also critical that vulnerable people - including the elderly, people with disabilities, pregnant women and unaccompanied or separated children - are reached with food, shelter, protection and other urgent aid as quickly as possible.