

**KULIMA – Organization for Integrated Socio-Economic Development**  
**ADVOCACY FACTSHEET – UPR MOZAMBIQUE (2026)**

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**ABOUT US**

**KULIMA – Organization for Integrated Socio-Economic Development** is a Mozambican non-governmental organization founded in 1984 and legally recognized in 1995. For over four decades, KULIMA has worked in rural and peri-urban communities to promote human rights, education, health, gender equality, livelihoods, and humanitarian response.

**1. KEY CHALLENGES – EDUCATION & HEALTH**

- Approximately 3 million children out of school
- Over 1,100 classrooms damaged or destroyed in Cabo Delgado
- Shortage of teachers, health professionals, and medicines

**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

- More than 20,000 cases in 2024
- Over 13,000 cases reported by Q3 2025
- Insufficient survivor services

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

- High indirect costs and procedural delays
- Exclusion of women and youth from formal justice mechanisms

**CIVIC SPACE**

- 411 deaths and 7,200 arrests (2024–2025)
- Intimidation of activists and journalists
- Increasing administrative restrictions

**2. FIELD EVIDENCE**

- Destruction of social infrastructure
- Weak institutional capacity
- Exclusion of vulnerable groups
- Shrinking civic space

**3. IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES**

- Increased school dropout rates
- Greater vulnerability of women and girls
- Limited trust in justice institutions
- Reduced civic participation
- Reinforced cycles of poverty and exclusion

**4. KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

✓ **Education and Health**

- Rehabilitate schools and health facilities
- Strengthen training and deployment of professionals
- Increase sustainable public financing

✓ **Gender-Based Violence**

- Ensure sustainable funding for survivor support services
- Strengthen referral and protection mechanisms

✓ **Access to Justice**

- Strengthen district-level justice institutions
- Expand free legal aid and community legal education

✓ **Civic Space**

- Guarantee freedom of assembly and participation
- Ensure accountability for political violence
- Promote structured dialogue with civil society

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