



### MAIN STORIES

#### Maputo's Aversion to SADC Support

#### COVID-19

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Southern African Development Community (SADC) approved the deployment of its regional standby force to Mozambique but the lack of details raises concerns about its possible operational impact.
- Mozambique's reluctance to accept SADC intervention in Cabo Delgado may be rooted in a believe that it could erode the government's legitimacy, threatening its survival.
- By 28 June 2021, the country recorded 75 138 positive COVID-19 cases. Of these cases, 71 081 people have recovered while 868 people have died. The total number of tests carried out was 590 310.
- Mozambique received World Bank grants in support of efforts to expand its current COVID-19 vaccination campaign.
- Britain's High Court granted Prinvest permission to file a lawsuit against President Filipe Nyusi over the US\$2 billion corruption scandal.
- The security situation in Cabo Delgado is fast-evolving amid confusion as to the perpetrators of incidents.
- The mass displacement of people in Cabo Delgado has led to endemic land disputes in communities that host these internally displaced people (IDPs).
- Sasol concluded a sale and purchase agreement (SPA) to sell a 30% equity interest in the Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Company (ROMPCO).
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 1.6% for 2021, while the World Bank projects growth of 1.7%.
- The Ministry of Economy and Finance has slowed the pace of indebtedness in 2020, but debt remains unsustainable.
- Moody's believes Mozambique is at risk of financial default in 2024 if gas production was delayed and the expected increase in revenues compromised.

# MOZAMBIQUE



- TotalEnergies will resume activities in Mozambique as soon as security is restored.
- Galp Energia will not invest in Mozambique's onshore plants until authorities guarantee security and social stability.
- The Bank of Mozambique suspended Standard Bank from all activities on the Interbank Exchange Market.

