

Mozambican community facing death

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MAPUTO — More than 108 000 people — almost the entire population of Mozambique's Manjacaze district — face death from starvation because of the drought and civil war, according to district administrator Antonio Manjate.

At least 200 people died of hunger between the middle of July and early August, Mr Manjate told officials from Maputo who visited the district in the southern province of Gaza.

The official news agency, Aim, says Mr Manjate said that the district had been receiving only 140 tons of food a month from government relief agencies and this was enough to feed only 45 000 people. More than 500 tons was needed to avert famine.

Three centres were established by the authorities in Manjacaze this month to accommodate people displaced by the drought and the war. Several hundred have arrived at the centres and others are coming in at a rate of about 30 a day as word of the centres spreads, says Aim.

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