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EMBASSY CLOSURES AND CONTACT INFO

The Consular Section will be closed **Monday December 26th** in observance of Christmas Day.



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For American Citizen Services, please make an appointment using our online system located at: <http://maputo.usembassy.gov/service.html>

Encourage your fellow citizens to register with the Embassy at <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

SECURITY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Historically, there is a seasonal rise in reported criminal activity in and around Maputo during the Christmas holiday season, and this year we are already seeing an increase in incidents. While Mozambique is at the best of times rated Critical (our highest rating) for crime by the U.S. Department of State, **American citizens are reminded to always remain vigilant, and special attentiveness should be used in areas and times known for heightened criminal activity.**

AT HOME:

If you have an alarm system, make sure it is in working order. Call a technician or phone your alarm monitoring company and request them to test it for you. Test your alarm system at least once a month. Remember to change the batteries on the remote panic buttons and also clean the battery's contact points as they corrode with time. Set your alarm at night on "stay" or "home" mode!

If you have a residential guard, make sure he remains inside the compound with the outside gate locked. When you are at home never listen to music, watch TV or entertain visitors while the doors to your house remain open or unlocked. Store emergency contact numbers in your phone and label them clearly to allow fast dialing in the event of an emergency. Never give the impression you are at home alone if a stranger telephones you or comes to your door. If you come home and find a door or window open or signs of forced entry, do not enter the house. Go to the nearest phone and call the police. Be aware of occupied vehicles parked near your home - the occupants might be staking out the area

ON THE ROAD:

When traveling in any vehicle, avoid putting your personal belongings next to you on the passenger seat. Secure personal items in the baggage compartment (trunk). "Smash and grabs" are daily occurrences so avoid leaving anything valuable in your car that criminals can view. Always keep your doors locked and windows closed when driving in urban areas, especially at traffic lights. When approaching a red traffic light at night and there is a vehicle in front of you, make sure that there is enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you to be able to get out of that space. If you approach your home and notice an unknown person or persons standing and/or vehicle in the proximity of your home, do not drive into your property. Rather drive past and observe. Make sure that the persons have left before you enter your property. If you are being followed do not drive to your home, drive to the nearest police station.

AT THE ATM:

When drawing money from ATMs, scan the area for suspicious activity or people before approaching. Be cautious of strangers trying to help you as they could be trying to distract you to get your card or PIN details. Check the ATM card slot for signs that it has been tampered with. When entering your PIN details, stand close and cover the keypad with your other hand. Do not use guessable PIN codes such as your birth date. When paying for goods or services with your card, never let the card out of your sight.

As an individual or as a family, you need to have your own plans in place for all kinds of emergencies:

- Fire.
- Accidental injuries/burns etc.
- Vehicle accident.
- Vehicle High-Jacking.
- Armed robberies.
- Medical related - medical evacuation plan

Keep all your emergency phone numbers, police, fire, neighbors, US Embassy emergency after hour's number etc. saved on your phone and somewhere easily accessible in your house.

BE SAFE! HAPPY HOLIDAYS

PEPFAR: WORKING FOR AN AIDS FREE GENERATION

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke at the National Institutes of Health on "A vision for the next steps in the fight against HIV/AIDS" November 8, 2011.

In her remarks, Secretary Clinton issued a specific call to action to the world to achieve the goal of an AIDS-free generation.

Science must guide these prevention efforts.

Partner countries must have ownership of their AIDS programs and share more responsibility for funding the fight against AIDS within their borders.

Finally, other donor nations must do more, including by supporting and strengthening the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Meanwhile, the Fund has its own responsibilities to meet to ensure its money is being effectively and efficiently spent.

To learn more about the U.S. commitment to the global HIV/AIDS response, visit www.pepfar.gov.

Special envoy for global AIDS awareness: Ellen DeGeneres.

In this role, Ms. DeGeneres will use her celebrity platform to raise awareness about the global fight against AIDS. In a letter to Ms. DeGeneres, Secretary Clinton stated, "By lending us your energy, compassion, and star power to serve as our Special Envoy for Global AIDS Awareness, your words will encourage Americans in joining you to make their voices heard in our campaign to achieve an AIDS-free generation. The enormous platform of your television show and your social media channels will enable you to reach millions of people with the strong and hopeful message that we can win this fight."



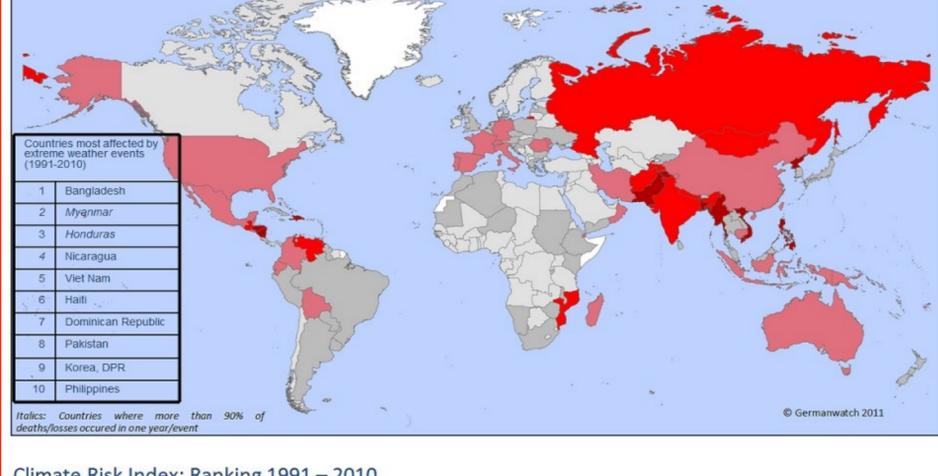
MOZAMBIQUE RANKED HIGH ON COUNTRIES MOST AFFECTED BY WEATHER EVENTS

The Global Climate Risk Index 2012 analyses to what extent countries have been affected by the impacts of weather-related loss events (storms, floods, heat waves etc.). The most recent available data from 2010 as well as for the period 1991-2010 were taken into account.

Global Climate Risk Index 2012 (covering 1991–2010)



Source: Germanwatch and Munich Re NatCatSERVICE



Climate Risk Index: Ranking 1991 – 2010

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