

Cabo Delgado Facing 'Serious' Food Shortages

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[Text] Mozambique's northern province of Cabo Delgado is facing serious food shortages after the failure of this year's rains. Cabo Delgado is normally a fertile area. Hunger-related deaths are already being reported from some districts.

Total production of maize and rice this year in the commercial sector is estimated at 1,419 tons as against the 7,130 tons planned at the start of the agricultural campaign. There has also been lower production of other items including beans, cotton, and cassava.

The situation is worsened by the increase in the number of people in Cabo Delgado who have been displaced from their homes by the banditry of South Africa's MNR terrorists.