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# ITALY AND MOZAMBIQUE: STORY OF A FRIENDSHIP

**The Italian presence in Mozambique** dates back to the XIX century, when some Italian families created dynamic enterprises in the so-known Lourenço Marques (Maputo). Italian presence in the country is marked by a considerable increase during the 1920s, when the first Catholic missions arrived from Italy (*Consolata missionaries*, followed by the *Comboni Missionaries*, by the *Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* and the *Capuchin missionaries*). Their actions encouraged many young Mozambicans to access to primary education, literature and culture.

Italian volunteers reached the Country in the 70s, when Italian municipalities were supporting the country by welcoming and assisting fighters during civil war. Italian enterprises, such as CMC construction firm from Ravenna, remained in Mozambique despite difficult conditions and contributed to build, mainly through Italian Cooperation funding, relevant infrastructures such as Corumana and Pequenos Libombos dams, still currently operating as water reserve for Maputo.

“Armando Emílio Guebuza bridge” over Zambezi river has been funded by the Italian Cooperation and is one of the most important infrastructures in Mozambique.

The bridge was built between 2005 and 2009, for a total investment by 80 MLN EUR granted by Italy, World Bank, European Union and Sweden; it is 4.9 km long and it connects Caia (Sofala province) to Chimuara (Zambezia province).

It is known as the **"Bridge of National Unity"**, connecting North and South. Before its construction, cars and trucks carrying goods or livestock were forced to wait days or weeks in endless queues to board and cross the river, causing huge problems in terms of public hygiene.

It was inaugurated in 2009 by the President of Mozambique Armando Guebuza.

Over the years, development cooperation's priorities evolved, according to different needs and contexts. Focus on big infrastructures has been replaced by specific programmes for institutional capacity building and human development through vocational training and education. The Italian Cooperation supported the establishment of new faculties such as Faculty of Architecture at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, thanks to Italian universities support and technical/vocational training became a development core of intervention, allowing the Italian cooperation to be one of the main donors in this regard.

The friendship between Italy and Mozambique culminated with the Peace Agreements signed in Rome in 1992, when the Italian Civil Society Organization Community of Sant'Egidio and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs played a leading role in the dialogue between the parties. Since then, **Mozambique has been one of the main partners of the Italian Cooperation.**

In 2016, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) has been established; since then, AICS Maputo Regional Office is responsible for development cooperation and humanitarian AID initiatives in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.







# ITALIAN COOPERATION in Mozambique

Mozambique has been suffering due to **the economic crisis caused by the so-called Hidden Debts scandal (2016)**, which changed the relationships between the Government of Mozambique and Development Cooperation partners. One of the main consequences was the suspension of the General Budget Support funding mechanism, operating since 2004, which included Italy's contribution, too.

Despite this decision, disbursements for cooperation programs continued and recently returned to pre-crisis levels, a clear intention to relaunch the Italian commitment in Mozambique. Funds are now channelled through different mechanisms, such as *grants* to Government with pre-defined objectives/activities, and grants to Civil Society Organizations or their consortia.

## Key features:

- Strategic partnerships with the "Italian system" including actors such as private sector, universities and research centers, for effective knowledge and skills transfers;
- Strengthening of monitoring and evaluation methodologies, adopting advanced technologies and results based management;
- Establishment of 5 main clusters of interventions:

### 1) BASIC SERVICES

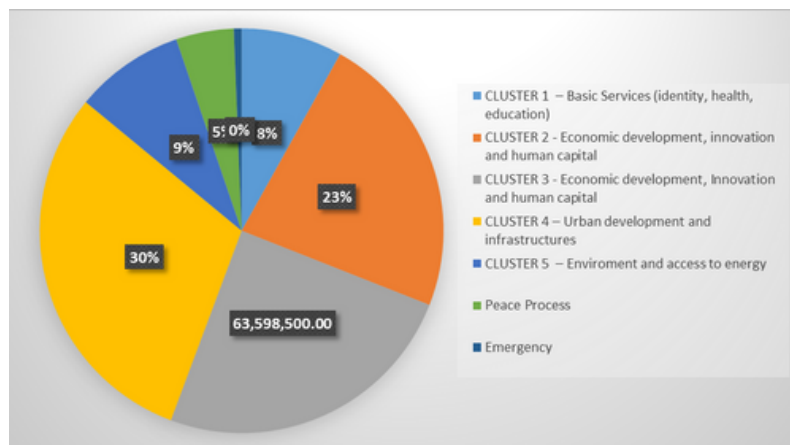
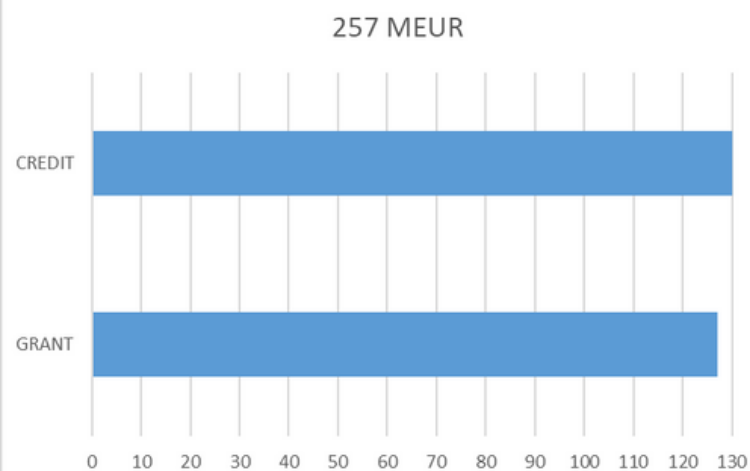
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### 3) AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### 4) URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURES

### 5) ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO ENERGY

## DELPAZ programme





# cluster 1

## BASIC SERVICES (IDENTITY, HEALTH, EDUCATION)

The health system's weakness represents a threat for the development of Mozambique. Low quality of personnel skills, scarcity of equipments at health centers and hospitals and not sufficient funds for basic health care, in particular in rural areas, are the main challenges for the public health system.

Along with high rates of infectious diseases such as malaria and HIV, the Mozambicans are increasingly affected by non-communicable diseases, representing 1/3 of its whole burden. Malnutrition severely affects a large part of the population (41% of children under age of 5 years suffer for a chronic form of it) and access to potable water is often inadequate. In general, health conditions are worse than African average.

The Italian Cooperation's priority for health sector in Mozambique is to improve access to services for the most vulnerable groups, living in the poorest urban and rural areas, and to prevent/treat communicable illnesses and chronic non-communicable diseases. Cluster 1 also foresees actions to promote human rights, due to public administration difficulties in providing basic services.

- **Common Fund in Favour of Mozambican National Health System - PROSAUDE III**  
3,2 MLN EUR + 1,5 MLN EUR (refinancing)

*Since 2010 Italy is part of PROSAUDE Common Fund, a platform developed by the donors' community to support the National Health System in implementing.*

- **Programme to support the development of human resources in the health sector**  
1,08 MLN EUR
- **Strengthening the system of training institutions for health personnel and supporting the development of telemedicine**  
3,5 MLN EUR

- **Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)**  
7,5 MLN EUR

*Improvement of (early) diagnosis and treatment at Ministry of Health local level through health personnel training, equipment and supplies provision, in addition to strengthen epidemiological surveillance in Maputo, Sofala and Zambezia provinces; activities are implemented by a CSOs consortium (CUAMM, ACAP-Sant'Egidio and AIFO). An additional component is focused on community awareness related to risk factors and regular access to health services, in order to introduce preventive measure.*

- **eCRVS - Support to Mozambique Civil Registry and Vital Statistics System Modernization**  
2.5 MLN EUR

*Strengthening of birth registration system as an essential tool for the protection and development of children, provision of services related to identity and vital events as well as for accurate vital statistics; activities are both at national level and at local level, where registrations take place and the system needs to be strengthened.*

- **Support to Community Projects**  
1 MLN EUR

*Facilitate poverty reduction by promoting participation of local authorities in decision-making processes, in order to identify investments in social sectors and enhance access to basic services.*

**CSOs' initiatives supported by 5% of the Italian contribution to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria**

*"Open Space. Enhancement of HIV health services for youth and women in Mozambique" ACAP-S. Egidio*

*"Till the End. Community services for TB and HIV in Inhambane Province" Medicus Mundi*

*"Care knowledge. Mitigating COVID19 impact on youth" Università di Padova - CUAMM*

*"Take Care. Prevention of maternal/infant transmission and HIV/ TB treatment for remote communities" Medicus Mundi*





## cluster 2

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL

**Inclusive and quality education** is a traditional area of intervention for the Italian Cooperation in Mozambique, focusing on university cooperation and technical and professional education/training.

**Scientific research is encouraged and supported** as a strategic tool for sustainable growth, with synergies with the promotion of technology transfer, innovation and the strategic use of ICT for development.

- **ICT4DEV - Training of Students, Professors and Researchers in the Field of ICT**  
1,25 MLN EUR

*Establishment of a business incubator to encourage start-ups activation and support Innovation Space at E. Mondlane University.*

- **Common Fund in Support of SISTAFE System**  
990,000 EUR

*AICS is the main contributor of this multi-donor Common Fund aimed at digitizing the public financial and administrative management system.*

- **Support to Eduardo Mondlane University for Academic Reform, innovation and Scientific Research**  
5,3 MLN EUR

*AICS support to E. Mondlane University in Maputo continues within training activities for teachers, Masters and Phd courses, stimulating internationalization and funding research projects.*

- **Disability: Education, Work and Information and Communication Technologies**  
1 MLN EUR

*Socio-economic inclusion for people with disabilities through awareness courses, training activities and infrastructural adaptations, job orientation services and support for start-ups*

- **PRETEP+ Support to Technical-Vocational Education Reform**

35 MLN EUR (soft loan) + 811.000 EUR (grant)

*Establishment of a network of excellence centers, along with combined training/development centers, in order to enhance Mozambican technical-professional training system, including support from companies and sectoral investment policies. PRETEP+ aims also at implementing 2016 reform law for skills certification linked to active labor policies.*

- **Expansion of Micro-finance Services to Promote Financial Inclusion in Sofala Province**

400,000 EUR

*Support to an effective local micro-finance institution in Sofala Province in order to enhance economic development.*

- **GovNet (Consolidation phase): Enhancement of Connectivity at District Level**

450,000 EUR

*Wider wireless networking in selected districts and ICT literacy training activities for technicians, public officials, teachers and trainers.*

- **Coding Girls: Tackling the Gender and Geographical Divide in the ICT Sector in Mozambique**

1,4 MLN EUR

*ICT and coding activities for high school female students in Mozambique, besides the support to Eduardo Mondlane University's Innovation Space incubator for a specific focus on female-led startups.*



### UNIVERSIDADE EDUARDO MONDLANE

In the last 40 years, **Italy supported Eduardo Mondlane University with more than 25 MLN EUR**, in addition to non-governmental technical assistance for research and vocational training.

**25 research projects are currently on-going** with 15 Italian universities, 3 CNR (National Research Council) centres and Mozambican institutions.

**Several UEM's departments have been established and/or improved by Italian Cooperation** such as the Biotechnology and Biodiversity labs, the ICT Centre and the Museum of Natural History.



## cluster 3

# AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to Civil Society Organizations and solid partnerships with Mozambican institutions, AICS is strongly committed to support family farming and small producers, food security, resources management and life conditions improvement in rural areas, in particular Manica, Sofala, Cabo Delgado, Zambezia and Maputo Provinces.

Facilitating market integration of small producers into the local economy, with special attention to women empowerment, AICS rural development programme aims at promoting stability, reconciliation, peace and social cohesion.

Cluster 3 includes:

- **Mitigation of the drought effects caused by El Niño**

5,3 MLN EUR (Mozambique component)

*The general objective of these 2 projects, implemented in Boane, Naamacha, Magude, Moamba and Manhiça districts by civil society organizations WeWorld-GVC, Fondazione Mondo Mlal, Helpcode, Istituto Oikos and ASES, is to enhance local communities resilience through supporting vocational training for farmers and local officials, in addition to fostering their ability to cope with natural disasters.*

- **AGRI URB - URban AGRiculture to improve food security in Maputo informal settlements**

300.000 EUR

*Food security for vulnerable communities in Maputo, including an Urban Agriculture Plan arranged in close partnership with local authorities.*

### In pipeline

#### **Construction of the Agro-Food Center in Manica (CAAM)**

35 MLN EUR (soft loan) + 3 MLN EUR (grant)

*Storage and processing opportunities for agricultural producers and SMEs, associations and traders, providing services for quality and organic certification, collection and sorting of products, value chain enhancement.*

- **PADR/PSSR - Rural Development Support Programme**

17,3 MLN EUR

*Support to production and commercialization of agricultural commodities through provision of financial and nonfinancial services to the main actors of selected value chains (fruit, vegetables, milk, poultry); capacity building to MADER and specifically to FDA (Agrarian Development Funds) in Manica is provided to increase their economical and activity planning work.*

- **Support to population affected by Idai and Kenneth cyclones in Mozambique**

1,6 MLN EUR

*The Italian participation to the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) in Mozambique, restoring basic services and supporting food security for those communities mostly affected by the cyclones; activities are implemented by CSOs ACAP-Sant'Egidio (Sofala), WeWorld-GVC (Manica) and Istituto Oikos-LVIA (Cabo Delgado and Nampula).*

- **MAIS VALOR - Improving inclusive and sustainable agro value chains development, including the Ibo specialty coffee of Cabo Delgado Province through Public Private Partnership approach**

4,1 MLN EUR

*Promoting the implementation of a system of good and certified agricultural practices, in order to develop a sustainable model guaranteeing food security; targeted agro-value chains are supported from sustainable production to processing and marketing, including the Mozambican specialty coffee one (e.g. Coffee Racemosa Loureiro).*

- **As Mulheres no Sustenta: sustainable development in Manica Province through women's active participation in rural economy**

4 MLN EUR

*Participation into "SUSTENTA", a governmental large agricultural programme, aimed at integrating rural families in value chain processes through female leadership and promotion of women's organizations in the sector; the Italian project also provides opportunities to exchange knowledge and good practices with Italian actors to strengthen the local governance bodies.*





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para a Consolidação da  
Paz em Moçambique

# DELPAZ - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN MOZAMBIQUE

With the overall objective to contribute towards the consolidation of peace at local level in Mozambique, DELPAZ programme is funded by the European Union in Mozambique and aims at enhancing inclusive local governance and rural communities livelihoods, focusing on women, youth and disadvantaged groups and operating in 14 selected Districts of Manica, Tete and Sofala Provinces,

**DELPAZ Manica and Tete Sub-Programme** is implemented by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Barue, Macossa, Guro, Tambara and Gondola districts (Manica Province) and in Moatize, Tsangano and Doa districts (Tete Province), in close cooperation with local authorities and partners.

Adopting an approach focused on peace building, inclusive governance, social inclusion, local value chains enhancement and community resilience to climate changes, AICS Maputo is working to achieve 3 results:

- Enhance public investment and service provision in selected districts and rural municipalities;
- Increase adoption of climate smart and productivity enhancing agriculture technologies and practices by conflict affected communities;
- Enhance market integration and off-farm economic activities of conflict-affected communities.

Moreover, socio-economic support activities for ex-combatants and their families in the 8 districts will be implemented.



On October 14th, 2021 an official ceremony launched in Gondola DELPAZ Programme, at the presence of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation **Veronica Macamo Dlhovo**, the EU Ambassador to Mozambique **Antonio Sanchez-Benedito Gaspar** and Italian Ambassador to Maputo **Gianni Bardini**.

After almost 30 years since the Peace Agreement signed on the 4th October 1992 in Rome, when the Italian Government played a facilitating role to stop the civil war in Mozambique, **Italy is still supporting peace, disarmament and social reintegration processes in Mozambique**, through the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

**The Mozambique 2019 Peace Agreement** represents the framework of European Union commitment in the Country, that along with DELPAZ Programme includes development interventions aimed at:

- Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)
- National Reconciliation
- Decentralization
- Socio-Economic Rehabilitation

**BUDGET:** 25 MLN EUR (provided by European Union in Mozambique)

**AICS DELPAZ Manica and Tete Sub-Programme:** 11,3 MLN EUR


**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Austrian Development Cooperation - ADA
- UNCDF - United Nations Capital Development Fund

**Supporting the Peace and Reconciliation Process in Mozambique**

Multilateral Programme  
600 MIL EUR



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## cluster 4

# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURES

The phenomenon of urbanization is recent and of great impact in Mozambique; currently, 9.5 million inhabitants reside in urban areas, but another 23 million are expected to live in cities by mid-century (source UNDESA).

Due to the high number of informal settlements in urban areas, mainly in Maputo, AICS is committed to support the Government in both design and implementation of urban plans, promoting public access to basic services, with the general aim to fight urban poverty.

- **Environmental rehabilitation program - drainage of rainwater systems in the neighborhoods of Maputo**

60 MLN EUR (soft loan) + 1,7 MLN EUR (grant)

*Provision of engineering services (design and construction management) and implementation activities in Maputo's informal settlements such as construction of new rainwater drainage systems, paving of urban roads and new housing units for the relocation of families, in addition to technical assistance to the National Water and Sanitation Division (DNAAS) - Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources (MOPHRH).*

- **RIGENERA: Integrated requalification of the Bairro Chamanculo C in Maputo**

16,1 MLN EUR

*Integrated requalification of the informal Chamanculo C district, that foresees the construction/rehabilitation of urban infrastructures by the National Water and Sanitation Division (DNAAS) - Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources (MOPHRH), the implementation of an associated component of promotion of local socio-economic development and technical assistance to the National Water Division.*

- **Green and resilient infrastructure at urban level in the city of Maputo**

1 MLN EUR



Despite its proximity with Maputo city center, Chamanculo C informal district suffers from lack of infrastructures and services, concentrating families in small areas and causing social and economic vulnerability.

The Italian Cooperation's support for Chamanculo's development dates back to 2011, with a disbursement of 1,6 MLN EUR to draft the first Chamanculo and Maputo's informal areas integrated development study. In addition to this, along with different partners, AICS constructed the main road crossing the district, rehabilitated the main rainwater drainage channel and completed the renovation of the Community Center.

Through RIGENERA Programme, AICS will support new urban infrastructures (road, water drainage and houses) and, thanks to partnerships with AVSI and COSPE CSOs on the one hand, and with Milan and Reggio Emilia Municipalities on the other hand, the economic development and environmental protection of the informal settlement.







## cluster 5

# ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO ENERGY

**Protection and conservation of biodiversity and marine/coastal habitats are key elements of the Mozambican economic system,** vital to local communities existence.

AICS is committed to promote a sustainable management of natural resources, which will play a crucial role in the development of the country, in parallel with biodiversity protection and support to scientific research.

In a country where only a small part of population has access to energy, AICS is disseminating renewable energies adoption practices in rural areas, with innovative forms of public-private partnerships.

Cluster 5 includes:

- **SECOSUD II - Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the SADC region**

1,88 MEUR

*Biodiversity protection in conservation areas in Mozambique, South Africa and eSwatini, supporting the establishment of a new system to collect and classify information on species, providing training activities for local managers of natural resources.*

- **Map Quibo - Quirimbas park biosphere management plan**

100,000 EUR

*Management Plan of the Biosphere Reserve at the Quirimbas park, recognized by UNESCO as the first Biosphere Reserve in Mozambique.*

- **BIOFORMOZ Support for environmental research**

1,95 MLN EUR

*Establishing a network of laboratories and research centres, able to provide scientific data for biodiversity conservation strategies, also useful for health condition topics; the laboratory at Inhaca Marine Biology Station's is included in the rehabilitation programme.*

- **RINO Resources Innovation and Development for Conservation Areas**

9,5 MLN EUR

*Improving biodiversity and natural reserves management and protection, in addition to specific components to support the National Museum of Natural History in Maputo and promote resilient reconstruction in those areas severely affected by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in Sofala and Cabo Delgado Provinces.*

- **ManGrowth - preservation of ecosystems for sustainable development**

3 MLN EUR

*Reforestation of mangroves in Maputo Bay (Inhaca's Island, Inkomati River's mouth and peninsula of Machangulo) through research activities involving the Marine Biology Station of Inhaca Island and support to local communities for income generation and a sustainable use of natural resources.*

- **ILUMINA: Access to energy for local development and women's empowerment**

5,1 MLN EUR

*Ilumina aims at satisfying the population basic and energetic needs both in the domestic environment (kitchen, lighting, power supply of small appliances) and in production (irrigation, conservation and processing of food, trade, etc.), strengthening the electrification of schools and health centers and supporting local socio-economic development through 2 specific sub-projects:*

- **E2COM Cabo Delgado - Energy for Women's Community Empowerment**

AVSI - COSV in Cabo Delgado

- **MuL↔ER Zambezia - Local Change through Renewable Energies**

COSV - AVSI in Zambezia





# CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS



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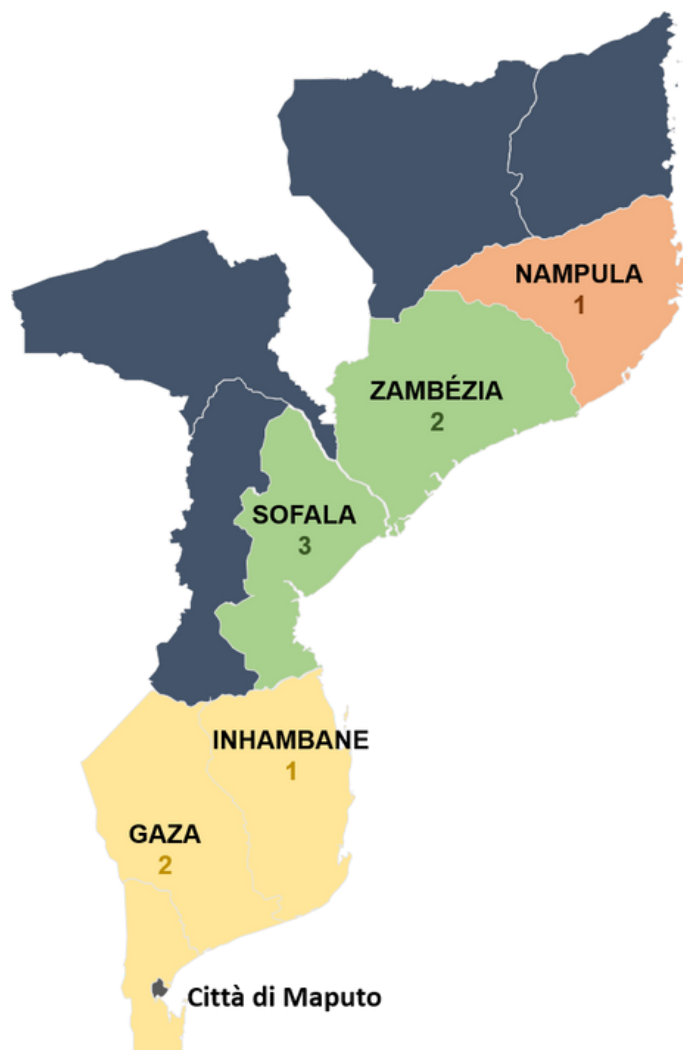
Italian Civil Society  
Organizations in Mozambique

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Ongoing projects promoted by  
Italian CSOs  
(November 2021)

14.9

MLN EUR AICS contribution  
(87.9% of the total amount)







## PRIVATE SECTOR

AICS Maputo is strongly committed to include private sector firms in the development action, strengthening the "Sistema Italia" and stimulating private investments also in Mozambique, engaging with Italian private companies operating in the country.

Training in the key sector of coffee production, safe disposal of hazardous waste, modernization of domestic cooking systems, reduction of gas emissions and promotion of biodegradable mulch - "Made in Italy" solutions and know-how that can be exported and support the development process in Mozambique.

### Agricultural value chains and promotion of coffee production in the Quirimbas National Park

(included in MAIS VALOR project)

Scholarships, capacity building for local institutions, Vocational training and education



### Development of local entrepreneurship for hospital solid waste disposal in Beira, Mozambique

Support the creation of a local environmental services company to contribute to the correct disposal of hazardous waste from 20 public and private health units, diminishing the risk of disease and improving the environmental conditions of the surrounding area



March 2021. **AICS** and **ENI** signed an agreement to identify cooperation opportunities in education and vocational training sectors, food security and nutrition, health, access to energy and promotion of off-farm activities in Manica and Cabo Delgado Provinces, where ENI is strongly committed since 2006.

This agreement represents a new step in the public-private partnership in the framework of "**Sistema Italia**", allowing private sector stakeholders to contribute in identification, implementation and management of development cooperation projects.



### Production and sale of efficient cook stoves in the urban areas of Maputo Province

Improving energy efficiency by replacing traditional cook stoves, contributing to the improvement of living conditions of the local population and to climate change mitigation through the reduction of emissions

### Sustainable strengthening of the supply chains of fruit, vegetables, rice and tobacco in Mozambique through the promotion of biodegradable mulch

Increasing the sustainability and adaptation to climate change of the selected value chains by promoting the use of innovative climate-smart agricultural technologies that improve product quality, agricultural production and productivity



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