



AGENZIA ITALIANA
PER LA COOPERAZIONE
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Digit programme

Tech Hub of digital excellency for
networking, skill transfer and start-up
incubation

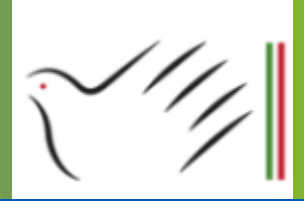
DIGIT Programme General Objective (Impact)

1. Contribute to the sustainable development of Mozambique through the support to the digital transition of the country;



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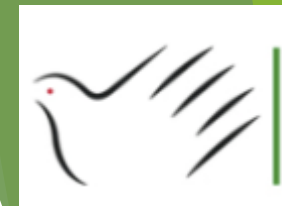
DIGIT programme Specific Objectives (Outcomes)



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1. Public services improvement through innovative digital instruments;
2. Entrepreneurship fostering;
3. Digital Skill transfer.

DIGIT programme expected results and activities



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ER.1 Increased offer and access to digital services and technologies for productive and social use

A.1 Establishing and managing a Tech Hub of Digital Excellency with a public-private partnership in the area of Maputo.

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ER.2 Increased digital competencies of young Mozambicans to stimulate innovation, productivity and growth.

A.1 Digital literacy promotion and digital skill and competency transfer;

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ER.2

A.2 Inclusive training courses for digital users with special attention to people with disabilities and women;

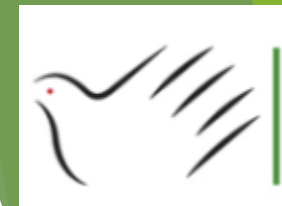
A.3 Training courses on coding;

A.4 Advanced training courses to ICT personnel on specific themes;

A.5 Establishing an accessibility fund to allow access to training of people with disabilities or indigents;

A.6 Private sector involvement in order to create stage opportunities for courses' participants.

DIGIT programme expected results and activities

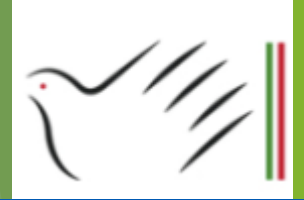


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ER.3 Reinforced incubation and acceleration of sustainable and inclusive Digital Start-ups.

A.1 Selection of digital start-ups (35) of apps developers to incubate and/or accelerate;

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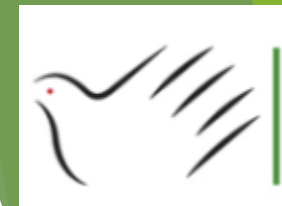
ER.4 Public and private digital services increased/improved with special attention to people with disabilities.

A.1 Organization of marketplace of needs and ideas;

A.2 Organization of hackathons for young developers;

A.3 Financing the development of best ideas proposed during hackathons.

DIGIT Beneficiaries

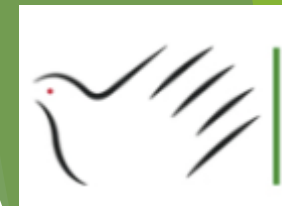


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▶ Institution building

- ▶ 120 public servants (MCTES, INAGE, INTIC, other public institutions);
- ▶ 50 university and pre-university professors;
- ▶ 100 entrepreneurs/workers;
- ▶ 200 civil society representatives;

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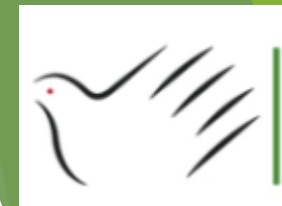


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► Digital skill transfer

- 20.000 secondary school students (informed on relevance of STEM courses);
- 5.000 university students (made aware of opportunities of code training);
- 100 university students trained on advanced coding will participate to hackathons to create start-ups and receive ICT equipment;
- 100 secondary school students (50% women and people with disabilities) trained on coding software and apps for working environments - administration, statistics, autocad, online marketing, etc...);
- 200 university students trained on advanced coding;
- 300 ICT young people updated on advanced ICT themes;
- 40 secondary school students trained on coding with a one year duration course;

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- ▶ **Incentives to digital services development**
 - ▶ 10 young people groups will receive funds to accelerate their projects of digital app development for social services, selected through hackathons.

Proposed main budget items



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1. Human Resources;

- a) Local and international staff;
- b) Per-diem for missions/travel;

2. Travel;

- a) International and local transportation;

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3. Tech Hub setup

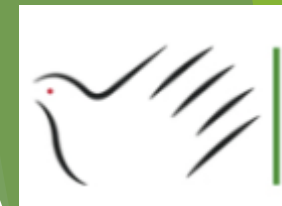
- a) Construction/Renovation/Expansion of a public infrastructure;
- b) Other infrastructures to operationalize the Tech Hub (Communication, LAN, air conditioning,);

4. Courses, events, incubation services, consumables and logistic;

5. Equipment and supplies;

Proposed main budget items

6. Project office;
7. Other costs;
 - a) Publications;
 - b) Seminars/Conferences;
 - c) Audits;
 - d) Visibility;
 - e)
8. Indirect costs.



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DIGIT programme considerations



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1. The involvement of private sector can address the advanced ICT training and start-ups collaboration toward its business interests and toward the local business's needs (mobile development, financial apps development, special needs developments);
2. Because the tech hub must strive to obtain sustainability at the end of the programme, tech hub activities can encompass social programme's outcomes as well as sustainability objectives:

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3. Application to the programme's Call for Proposals can be submitted by consortia, set up by, at least, one Mozambican public institution, one or more public or private international organizations with experience in ICT education/training and digital start-up creation or tech hub managing and, preferably, by one or more private sector businesses, representing the local digital ecosystem;

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4. Consortium's activities are funded for a period of three years, starting from AICS funds disbursement;
5. Tech hub activities are funded for a period of, at least, two years, starting from its official launch;

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6. The proposals must clearly indicate the role and main responsibilities of each member of the consortium to be created;
7. A consortium agreement among members must be produced to participate in the “Call for Proposals”;
8. A Steering Committee, representing all members of the consortium, must be created to define strategies, submit the proposal and approve reports to AICS;

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7. To comply with PRAG and AICS guidelines for accountability and procurement's procedures, the lead applicant must be an EU based organization;

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8. In a Result Base Management approach (RBM - grouping and managing activities and respective costs by Expected Results) and provided the Programme's outcomes are met, consortia can propose a programme funding distribution plan, according to tech hub site's initial conditions of the public institution member and to the Mozambican digital ecosystem needs that the consortia want to address;
9. Final destination of tech hub infrastructures must be the consortium's public institution member;

Other DIGIT programme Funds



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1. Other DIGIT Programme funds are made available by AICS to be directly managed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (MCTES) of Mozambique and by the Agency for Digital Italy (AGID);
2. These funds contribute to the overall programme outcomes;
3. AICS will coordinate the integration of these funds to support activities to be carried out in the tech hub, in order to jointly achieve the expected results.

TECH HUB Model



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1. To help consortia define a Tech hub with its main roles, core purposes, business model, activities, etc..., an initial Tech Hub Model has been proposed by AICS and AGID, which is available to the applicants;
2. The model will evolve along the programme implementation, based on the experience being acquired and the ecosystem needs' evolution;

TECH HUB Model



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1. A Tech Hub model, more adherent to the Mozambican digital ecosystem, will be proposed by the consortium at the end of the programme to be approved as “the Mozambican Digital Tech Hub Model” by the Ministry of Science and Technology and High Education (MCTES) of Mozambique.

Digital ecosystem mapping



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1. A local digital ecosystem mapping has been produced by a consultant in order to help applicants to build partnerships and submit proposals as consortia;
2. Whilst not a comprehensive mapping, it is still a useful instrument to have a first insight of the local digital ecosystem;