



MOZAMBIQUE

COUNTRY PROFILE

Following a long civil war, Mozambique has transitioned to peace, stability, and economic growth. It now provides an essential link between landlocked neighbors and the global marketplace.

Mozambique's ties to South Africa's industrial heartland underscore the fact that the country's economic, political, and social progress is vital to the interests of the region.

Mozambique's recent economic downturn has exacerbated the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, malaria and high infant mortality, and resulted in a distressingly low life expectancy of just 50 years. USAID's programs in economic growth, health and education address these challenges and open new opportunities.

OUR WORK

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Agriculture continues to be the mainstay of the economy, but has declined to less than a quarter of GDP and accounts for more than 70% of employment of the economically active population. USAID is working to improve the overall performance of the agricultural sector, with the goal of increasing productivity, improving resilience, and generating higher incomes for farmers and their families to reduce hunger, poverty, and under-nutrition.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE

Good governance has emerged as one of Mozambique's greatest challenges. The lack of transparency and effective accountability is central to the ongoing fiscal crisis, and has contributed to the reemergence of armed conflict, most recently in the north of Cabo Delgado Province. USAID works to strengthen and promote democracy and good governance in Mozambique through activities that advance local media independence and sustainability, strengthen the rule of law, promote free and fair elections, and empower civil society.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

USAID is working to strengthen transparency and accountability throughout its portfolio, and especially to improve the business environment for trade and investment in Mozambique. Our programs help private sector and government stakeholders identify, initiate, and implement priority policy reforms for broad-based, inclusive economic growth, poverty reduction, and job creation.

EDUCATION

Through partnership with the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MINEDH), USAID is working to improve education quality and learning outcomes by using evidence-based interventions. Our landmark *Vamos Ler!* activity develops maternal-tongue instruction materials and methodologies for early grade reading. By working with parents, communities and civil society, USAID supports MINEDH to achieve policy and service delivery results. We also work with MINEDH and communities to reduce gender gaps and empower adolescent girls.

ENVIRONMENT

We work with government and private sector partners to combat wildlife trafficking and environmental crimes, promote social and economic improvements for communities in and surrounding conservation areas, and improve coastal cities' capacity to respond to climate risks. USAID also helps to strengthen policy and legal reforms to protect natural resources, including assisting Mozambique's Attorney General's Office to improve capacity for countering wildlife trafficking and prosecuting environmental criminals through the development of rapid reference manuals and training guides.

GLOBAL HEALTH

USAID is the leading donor supporting Mozambique's plan to improve the health status of the population through reduced morbidity and mortality, a strengthened primary health care system, improved infrastructure, and increased community-level engagement on health issues. In collaboration with the Mozambican government, civil society, local organizations, and other donors, USAID is supporting programs in HIV/AIDS, malaria, health systems strengthening, maternal and child health, family planning, nutrition, tuberculosis, water and sanitation.



Children at the Itoculo Primary School, in Monapo, Nampula, participate in the *Vamos Ler!* bilingual education activity.

Vamos Ler! – Leopoldino Jerónimo



A dancer from the National Singing and Dancing Company performs at the Coastal City Adaptation Project e-course launch event.

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