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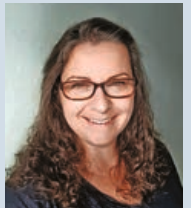
Editorial

DEAR READERS

Mozambique has been at the centre of considerable turmoil in recent times. Its reputation has suffered, and rebuilding trust is now essential. In this context, we invite you to reflect on the

challenges and opportunities the country faces. Please read our two featured articles, which take a closer look at Mozambique's path forward in terms of international support for some local projects.

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Mozambique: Empowering Farmers in Mozambique

Nampula, Mozambique—The U.S. Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) signed an agreement to promote market-based farming in the Nacala Corridor of northern Mozambique.

The agreement merges USAID's \$25.5 million Feed the Future (FTF) Premier project with SDC's \$6.7 million Oholo project to create the FTF Premier-Oholo (PRO) project, with international nonprofit Techno-Serve leading implementation.

Operational until June 2027, the partnership will provide small business owners with essential skills and resources to create competitive agribusinesses, invest in improved marketing, and help farmers make the transition from subsistence agriculture to a market-based system. The activity supports the private



The USAID Deputy Administrator, Governor of Nampula and the Swiss Ambassador in Mozambique, signing the MoU.

sector's role in boosting incomes by creating markets, providing necessary infrastructure, and encouraging local farmers to adopt modern agricultural practices.

Local farmers and micro, small and medium enterprises are the backbone of the region's workforce, so the agreement

promises new opportunities to boost livelihoods in the region.

"Investing in the agrarian sector and its entire chain is a key strategy to boost the province's economy, given that approximately 70% of our population depends on this sector as their main source of income,"

said the governor of Nampula, Manuel Rodrigues Alberto. “At this time, we express our gratitude and appreciation for being considered beneficiaries of this significant project.”

Partnering to Improve Opportunities for Women and Youth in Mozambique

SDC Head of Cooperation Ilaria Dali said, “By joining forces with US-

AID, we aim to achieve meaningful impact and support the shared goals of economic growth and development in the region. Together with USAID, we aim to create positive change, promote sustainable development, and contribute to a better future for communities in the Nacala Corridor and Cabo Delgado.”

The combined PRO project will contribute to shared goals and promote

collaboration among development partners, promoting synergies and avoiding duplication of activities.

Source: TechnoServe.org

Mozambique:

Switzerland Reiterates Cooperation with Mozambique for the Promotion of Peace and Sustainable Development

The Swiss government highlighted in June its historic ties with Mozambique and reaffirmed its commitment to cooperate with the country to promote peace and sustainable development.

Speaking after a meeting in Maputo with the President of the Republic, Daniel Chapo, the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Secretary of State, Tim Enderlin, stated that Mozambique is one of the priority countries and has had one of the most significant programs in Africa for years.

“Mozambique is one of the countries that has had one of the most important cooperation programs for many years, and it is also a country where Switzerland traditionally engages to promote peace and dialogue,” he explained. According to a Lusa report, Enderlin recalled key moments of the partnership between the two countries, especially regarding peace and social stability, highlighting Switzerland’s support for the signing of the Peace and National Reconciliation Agreement between the Renamo party and the Mozambican government on August 6, 2019.

“We reaffirm our commitment to promoting peace, sustainable devel-

opment, and strengthening relations with Mozambique, especially at a time when the country is celebrating 50 years of independence,” he stressed.

In January, the outgoing President of the Swiss Confederation, Viola Amherd, congratulated Daniel Chapo on his election as President of Mozambique, promising to continue the “important work” that both countries have carried out together.

“Switzerland and the Republic of Mozambique have a long history of excellent bilateral relations and cooperation. By helping to realize the Maputo Agreement for Peace and National Reconcilia-

tion of 2019, Switzerland reaffirmed its commitment to Mozambique’s peace process and the implementation of decentralization reforms,” the official stated at the time.

Mozambique celebrated 50 years of independence on June 25, with the main ceremonies taking place at Machava Stadium, where Samora Machel, Mozambique’s first President, proclaimed national independence in 1975 after a struggle against the Portuguese colonial regime that began on September 25, 1964.

Source: 360mozambique.com



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