

PROFIL MOZAMBIQUE


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FOUNDATION
FOR TECHNICAL
COOPERATION



We are a leading organisation for the implementation of international development projects. Founded in 1959 and registered under Swiss law, we are an independent non-profit organisation. We are politically and denominationally neutral.

We create opportunities



OUR MISSION

We promote inclusive economic, social and ecological development to make an effective contribution towards sustainable and widespread prosperity in developing and emerging economies.

With this objective in mind, we offer economically and socially disadvantaged people a chance to improve their lives on their own initiative.

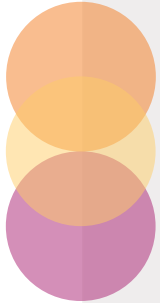


PEOPLE

ENTERPRISE

ECONOMY

WHAT WE STAND FOR



We strengthen the competencies of people, improving their employability.

We increase the competitiveness of enterprises, growing their business.

We foster social and economic systems, promoting inclusive development.





THESE ARE THE CHALLENGES WE RISE UP TO

Economic, social, and environmental challenges are increasing, particularly in emerging economies and developing countries. Problems range from poverty, youth unemployment, inequality of income and land distribution, to political instability, conflicts, and forced migration. At the same time, natural resources are under pressure from population growth, increasing demand for energy, raw materials, and food. Climate change exacerbates these problems.

These challenges can only be overcome if we fight their root causes. That is precisely what Swisscontact does. We understand development as constituting the basis for making communities more resilient.

We always work closely with the local private sector and civil society. In this way, we are able to strengthen social and economic structures in fragile environments, applying conflict-sensitive approaches. We analyse the situation and the potential effects that our projects could have in great detail, in so doing rendering us more flexible to change and implement our programmes successfully.



HOW WE ASSESS SUSTAINABILITY

The UN's Agenda 2030 encompasses 17 development goals, none of which can be achieved without inclusive development. In line with these objectives, Swisscontact is particularly committed to:



Good Governance: We promote transparent, accountable, participatory and effective decision-making processes. We support and strengthen governing institutions, civil society organisations and interest groups that foster economic growth, human development, and social cohesion.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion: We promote gender equality, both in our project work and within our organisation. We strive for the social inclusion of all people.



Environmental Responsibility: We always consider the environment, actively exploring opportunities to enhance the resilience of individuals and communities to deal with climate change and promoting solutions for efficient use of resources.



Financial Inclusion: In our projects, we promote financial literacy and access to affordable and fair financial products and services.



HOW WE WORK

We implement our projects in adherence to four clearly defined working principles:





Inclusive Systems Development

We apply a systemic approach: this means acting as trainers, facilitators, and enablers, seeking to enable local organisations and partners, ensuring they take direct ownership. This is how we achieve sustainable impact at scale.

Learning Culture

We continuously develop and embed new learning methodologies, increasing knowledge, competence and performance within our organisation.

Evidence-Based Adaptive Management

We manage our projects with an evidence-based and adaptive management approach, based on a standardised monitoring and results measurement system that allows for informed decision-making and timely corrective action.

Engaging the Private Sector

We seek to develop partnerships with local and international businesses to increase the range of opportunities for our partners and people we serve.

OUR PRESENCE AND EXPERIENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE

Swisscontact started its activities in Mozambique in 2012 with the launch of the Hortisempre project in Nampula province and Cabo Delgado province since 2013. Over the years the portfolio grew up to four projects.

Vocational education and training, retraining and labour market integration constitute a focus of our activities. In this way we strengthen people's skills and offer them the conditions for a secure livelihood and actively participate in society.

In **business promotion** we focus our work on five economic sectors with the best chances for sustainable development: tourism, commerce, entrepreneurship ecosystems, green cities, and sustainable agriculture. This is where we focus our energy, in order to create productive jobs, improve incomes, and promote economic well-being without harming the environment.

Swisscontact has an office in Nampula city and one in Maputo city. Currently the foundation is preparing a new vocational training project that will start in January 2021 and has a projection of four years.





ACTIVE PROJECTS OF SWISSCONTACT IN MOZAMBIQUE



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INCREASING INCOMES OF HORTI- CULTURAL SMALLHOLDER FARMERS THROUGH THE HORTI-SEMPRE PROJECT

The Horti-Sempre project seeks to improve the livelihoods of local small-scale horticultural producers through adequate facilitation that enables access to relevant products and services which aid in an increased capacity to produce and compete in the market.

Objective

A market systems development project designed to make the horticulture sector in Northern Mozambique more competitive against local or foreign (mainly South Africa) imports through increased productivity, quality and de-seasonalisation of smallholder vegetable production.

Approach

- Market systems Development (Inclusive Markets)
- Women Economic Empowerment (WEE)

Duration

January 2013 - December 2021

Results to date

- 23,702 smallholder farmers (6,400 female) and 577 technicians (156 female) accessed improved agricultural inputs and good horticultural production practice training.
- 14,968 farmers (3,892 female) realised additional income cumulatively amounting to CHF 2,011,440.



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SKILLS TO BUILD PROJECT

The S2B project focuses on the implementation of non-formal short-term courses for construction workers already employed, as well as for unemployed and vulnerable young people interested in the construction area. The competency-based certification is developed jointly with the private and public sector through the Employers Federation and its associations in the construction sector, as well as the National Youth Council (CNJ).

Objective

The opportunities for construction workers to find or improve self-employment are extended by professional guidance and experience in the workplace and co-responsibility taken by public and private actors to promote innovative technical training that responds to market demand.



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Approach

- Vocational training for vulnerable young people
- Labour insertion
- Skills Certification System

Duration

January 2017 - December 2024

Results to date

- Built capacity of 431 young trainees (128 women) in masonry, plumbing, painting, electricity, health and safety, tiling, steel fixing and form working.
- Four construction companies actively participated in the Training of Trainer (ToT) sessions and received 21 young people for professional training in masonry.
- 171 employees (25 female) received short-term specialized training. All are employees in 27 different companies in Maputo City and Maputo Province.



FOOD SECURITY THROUGH CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE (FAR)

The FAR Program - Food Security through climate adaptation and resilience aims to create sustainable climate-smart agricultural solutions for farmers in Mozambique who often face challenges of food security due to harsh climatic conditions brought about by climatic changes.

Objective

The FAR Program seeks to promote stable availability and access to food for 30,000 semi-subsistence families and small semi-commercial owners. At least 50% of the beneficiaries must be women. This will be achieved through climate-resilient agricultural production, value chain integration and income diversification.



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Approach

- Market systems Development (Inclusive Markets)
- Knowledge Management of Climate-Smart Agriculture Solutions
- Women Economic Empowerment (WEE)

Duration

November 2017 - December 2020

Results to date

- 8,290 smallholder farmers (17,070 women) accessed and completed training on climate-smart solutions for improved agricultural outputs.
- 1,959 farmers and agro-dealers realised additional income and cumulatively gained CHF 3,602 (farmers) and CHF 13,033 (agro-dealers).



ACCESS TO FOOD AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH MARKET SYSTEMS (AFOC-MSD) / FAR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER

Swisscontact Mozambique through SC-IO is implementing the FAR Manica Project in the districts of Macate, Manica, Sussundenga and Vanduzi in order to contribute to increasing population food security, resilience and adaptation to climate change. The project aims to improve the rate of adoption by farmers of improved varieties of high-yield maize and beans and drought-resistant crops with a short production cycle.

Objective

The AFOC - MSD project aims to improve food security and adaptation and resilience to climate change by smallholder farmers in central Mozambique by promoting and disseminating improved varieties (focus on maize, beans and vegetables); the dissemination of selective and climate-intelligent agricultural practices; and diversification - support for income-rearing activities through cash harvests and the integration of small animals with crop farming.



Learn more

Approach

- Market systems Development (Inclusive Markets)
- Knowledge Management of Climate-Smart Agriculture Solutions
- Women Economic Empowerment (WEE)

Duration

November 2017 - December 2020

Results to date

- 11,965 smallholder farmers (7,418 women) had access to products and services facilitated by the project, such as improved agricultural inputs and post-harvest techniques.
- 10,500 beneficiaries (6,835 women) increased their incomes from CHF 15 (10%) to CHF 45 (30%) through access to climate-smart agricultural techniques, structured markets, agricultural inputs, and commercialisation of horticulture seedlings.



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PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Solid partnerships at all levels are essential for development projects to achieve the best possible outcomes. This is a key takeaway from our more than 60 years of experience in international development cooperation. For this reason, we work closely with local, national, and international partners. Our partnerships focus on joint projects that benefit all stakeholders, especially local populations.

For people to be able to improve their lives on their own strength, the local private sector plays a key role. Therefore, we implement projects in partner countries together with local companies in the field. In this way, local SMEs, producers, and employees are able to participate in the economy. We also involve local authorities, organisations, and civil society. Thanks to our deep understanding of specific political, social, and environmental issues, we are able to extend the outreach of our efforts, use synergies, and impart our experience and know-how to beneficiaries in target fashion.





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