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# USING IMPROVED STATISTICS FOR POLICY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Mozambique's agriculture sector is the largest part of its economy, directly contributing to about 23 percent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and employing around 80 percent of the workforce. The government approved a Programa Quinquenal do Governo 2020–2024 (PQG [Five-year Plan]) that includes plans for all sectors, including agriculture and there was the need to formulate updated specific guiding documents for the sector.

The Government of Mozambique asked for assistance from FAO to create a broader programme for agriculture to speed up changes in the rural economy. Together, they developed UTF/MOZ/129/MOZ to help write strategic documents that will improve planning, improve agricultural statistics, and update related plans.

The goal of this project was to support the development of strategic documents that serve as a guide for transforming the rural economy. A technical team from different ministries, led by MADER, along with input from key stakeholders like the private sector and civil society, worked on these documents. The Agricultural Sector Coordination Committee (CCSA) was tasked with overseeing the process, with FAO providing technical support.

## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The main results of the project were: i) improved strategic planning processes through the Strategic Plan for the Development of the Agricultural Sector (PEDSA II) and National Investment Plan for the Agricultural Sector (PNISA II); ii) improved agricultural statistics in Mozambique through the Master Plan for Agricultural Statistics (PDEA II); and technical assistance to the Integrated Agricultural Survey IAI 2020 and the IAI 2023. The Outcomes of the project strengthened evidence-based planning by developing capacities for collecting and providing accurate data timely at all levels (national, provincial and district) to support planning and policy formulation.

## IMPACT

Overall, through the significant efforts to strengthen agrarian sector statistics and underlying policies and plans, the project made significant contributions to the agrarian sector overall, and ultimately to small, medium and large-scale farmers. The project directly contributed to FAO's Country Programming Framework (CPF) for Mozambique, in particular, Priority area A: "Improving Selected Value Chains for Food and Nutrition Security", which aims at improving strategic and legal frameworks, systems, services and practices to facilitate the development of inclusive value chains in contribution to food and nutrition security.



### **KEY FACTS**

Latest Approved Budget USD 667 695

**Duration** October 2021–August 2024

**Resource Partner** Government of Mozambique

#### Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER) and National Institute of Statistics (INE)

#### Beneficiaries

Small-scale farmers and rural communities, including women and other vulnerable groups

# **ACTIVITIES**

- Assistance in drafting the Strategic Plan and Investment Programme for Mozambique's Agricultural Sector: 2020-2030.
- Provision of technical input, guidance, and feedback to the technical team on the methodological framework and draft operational plan.
- Support the development of the final Strategic Plan and Investment Programme for Mozambique's Agricultural Sector: 2020-2030.
- Assistance in addressing key challenges that arise, enhancing technical capacities and ownership among team members.
- Providing assistance to MADER to carry out the IAI 2020 and IAI 2023 Survey.
- Preparation of the PDEA II document, including four studies of key components.











**Project Title** Strengthening Agrarian Sector Statistics and Strategic and Investment Frameworks in Mozambique

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