



© Enabel - Isabel Corthier

Enabel in Mozambique

Cooperation programme 2023-2028

The Belgian cooperation has been active in Mozambique for more than 20 years. Enabel focuses on improving the living conditions of the population through close collaboration with the Mozambican public institutions, private sector, civil society and communities.

Mozambique is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change in Africa. In recent years, Mozambique has seen increased intensity and frequency of extreme weather events compromise the country's development ambitions. Belgium's cooperation programme aims to link different areas of climate-related activities, from delivery of climate-proof public services to the most vulnerable populations in Mozambique, to transitioning to low-carbon energy pathways. In doing so, the cooperation programme will contribute to the National Development Strategy 2015-2035.

Institutional strengthening

Just energy transition

Climate-resilient public services

Gender transformative approach

Climate finance

Priorities

The cooperation programme aims to consolidate the lessons learned of the Belgian cooperation in Mozambique, while expanding the support to new emerging themes. The EUR 27,4 million is designed around three actions:

- a project which will further develop the local experience and expertise in climate-proof public services related to access to water, energy, waste management and circular economy, as well as losses and damages to improve the living conditions of the local communities and to feed the overarching policy dialogue;
- a study, expertise and preparation facility for the mobilisation of climate finance for national priorities;
- an innovative debt-for-climate swap agreement signed by Belgium and Mozambique, amounting to €2.4 million, with a focus on losses and damages. It will focus on early warning systems and building capacity of government and communities for improved resilience against climate disasters.

1 A just energy transition – Policy dialogue and access

The diversification of the energy mix and the pursuit of a low-carbon energy pathway for a climate-resilient future is at the heart of Mozambique’s sustainable development agenda. However, about 95% of the population still relies on traditional biomass for daily energy needs, and 60% of the population lacks basic access to modern energy services.

So, providing universal energy access and ensuring cleaner, reliable and affordable energy solutions to its population are equally vital for Mozambique to facilitate its energy transition. Enabel aims to leverage its expertise and its relationship with Mozambique to work on viable solutions for sustainable energy access and to support the country to consolidate its efforts and resources to take inclusive, coordinated and pragmatic steps towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient future.

2 Disaster risk reduction and management

Mozambique has experienced several climate disasters in the past few years with a significant impact on the economy (losses and damages of extreme weather events estimated at EUR 2.8 billion in 2019).

Through the cooperation programme and the debt-for-climate swap, Enabel will support the National Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and other relevant stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of efforts to reduce and manage the risks of losses and damages related to climate change. It will focus on what can be done to improve anticipation, prevention and preparedness to climate risks and promote an approach involving central, provincial, district and community levels.

Cross-cutting issues



Triple anchorage

Triple anchorage will be sought while implementing actions at the level of the people (‘operational’ level), national level (public institutions) and international level (level of fostering dialogue/collaboration with global initiatives/actors). This principle is aimed at ensuring a continuous feeding of constructive dialogue between stakeholders at both the normative, regulating level and the operational level.



Inclusion and gender equality

Inclusion and gender equality will be placed at the heart of the programme. The programme attempts to go beyond reaching and benefiting women and girls and moves to challenging negative social norms, values and power structures that lie at the heart of gender injustice. Projects will aim to create a gender-responsive environment in all institutions, including partner organisations, to address the entrenched inequalities.

3 Sustainable access to drinkable and productive water

Enabel has been active in the water sector for almost ten years, providing innovative ideas and techniques to solve Mozambique's water access and management difficulties and contributing to the introduction of new technologies to irrigation systems. The water component of the cooperation programme will build on the lessons learned of projects on access to drinkable water and in the solar powered irrigation sector, whilst introducing innovations linked to renewable energy, gender mainstreaming approaches, digitisation, and income-generating opportunities for communities, including women and youth. While working within the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus, the above activities not only reinforce institutional capacities and delivery of public services, but also improve people's well-being and provide livelihoods and income.

4 Waste management and circular economy

The waste component of the Belgian cooperation programme with a top-up from the ValoRe project (financed by the Mitigation Action Facility-MAF), is aimed at supporting the transition to a sustainable waste management system in the municipalities of Nacala, Nampula and Pemba. To this end, it focusses on strengthening the capacity of local actors involved in the waste collection system, including municipalities, waste pickers, neighbourhood associations, and develop a network of purchase

points, called 'eco-points', for recoverable wastes, starting with the ones that are most valuable like PET, HDPE, PP and metal cans. The alignment with MAF support to ValoRe – the national programme that aims at the development of waste-infrastructures and the streamline of waste value-chain activities – marks a first approach that interlinks investment at central and local level in the waste sector, together with capacity strengthening.

5 Climate finance

Unlocking international climate finance to help tackle the impacts of climate change and promote inclusive and sustainable development pathways remains a challenge for Mozambique. Enabel's 'STEP Facility' will aim at strengthening capacities and act as a catalyst for the mobilisation of finance for national priorities by providing long-term technical assistance and strategic advisory services on climate finance-related processes and opportunities. The facility will operate in close articulation and synergy with the main project and include support for studies, consultancies and expertise as well as for piloting innovative climate financial mechanisms such as carbon credits and debt swaps.



Innovation

The promotion of innovation and leveraging new technologies is actively sought throughout the programme, whereby inclusion is ensured by targeted initiatives to close the digital divide, as well as the promotion of innovative financing particularly in the area of climate financing and circular economy. New technologies will also be leveraged to close the gender digital divide, accelerate the energy transition, and improve the quality of public services.



Human rights-based approach

By adopting a human rights-based approach (HRBA), the cooperation programme aims at reducing inequalities and the vulnerability of certain particularly vulnerable groups (right holders), including climate-displaced people and refugees and the elderly. The obligations, commitments and strategies taken by Mozambique in terms of human rights, inclusiveness and gender equality shall be integrated.

Other actions for Enabel in Mozambique

Enabel has partnered with:

Brussels Capital Region

- Duration: 2024-2026
- Budget: EUR 900,000

Support renewable-powered water supply systems, which will be complementary to the Access to Water component of the governmental cooperation programme.

Green Climate Fund

- Duration: 2023-2025
- Budget: EUR 800,000

Implement a readiness programme to support the Government in strengthening institutional capacities and coordination mechanisms for accelerating and scaling up the mobilization of climate finance in Mozambique.

Mitigation Action Facility

- Duration: 2024-2029
- Budget: EUR 18.6 million

Support improved waste management practices in Mozambique and lay the foundations for the development of a circular economy. This is complementary to the Waste Management and Circular Economy component of the governmental cooperation programme.

The Government of Flanders

- Duration: 2024-2027
- Budget: EUR 900,000

Support the Ministry of Health with a reinforced public financial management for the delivery of efficient health services so communities and citizens receive the care they need.

About Enabel

Enabel is the Belgian agency for international cooperation. With our partners, we develop ideas and implement projects addressing urgent global challenges, such as climate change, social and economic inequalities, demographic trends, peace and security.

We have over 25 years' experience in areas ranging from education, health care and social protection, food systems, environmental protection and biodiversity, economic development and employment, financial and administrative governance... The Belgian government, the European Union, several financial partners, the governments of other countries and the private sector call on Enabel's expertise. We also work with public departments, research institutes and civil society organisations to enable meaningful social change.

With over 2,500 staff, Enabel manages more than 200 projects in more than twenty countries, in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



**Belgian agency for international cooperation
in Mozambique**

Av. Kenneth Kaunda, 264
Maputo, Mozambique
mozambique@enabel.be
enabel.be



Belgium

partner in development