

Enterprise Promotion

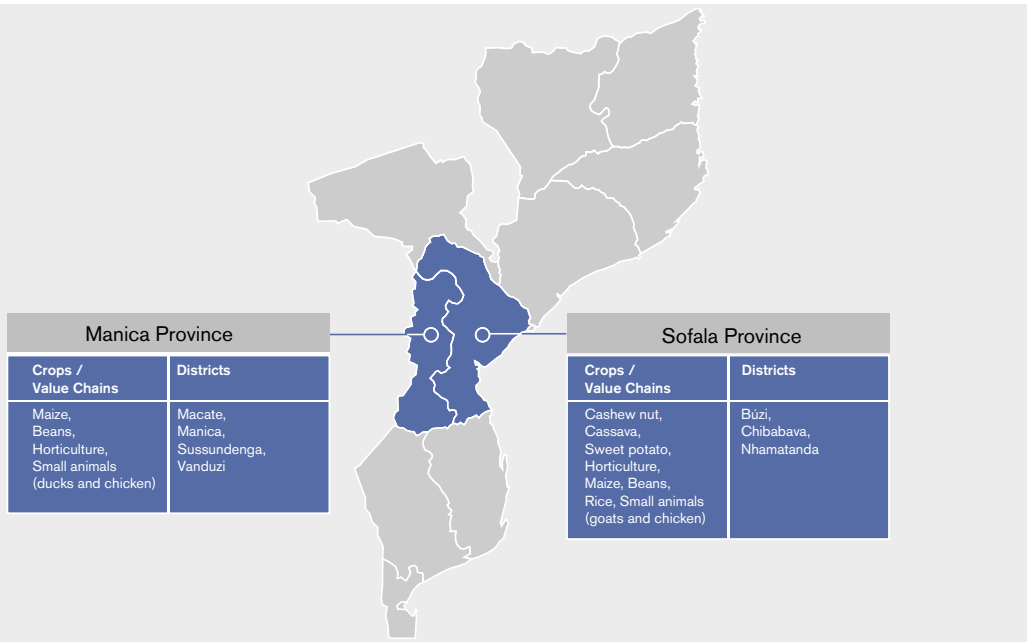
PROGRAMME:	Food security through climate Adaptation and Resilience (FAR)
REGION:	Central, East & Southern Africa
COUNTRY:	Mozambique
PROGRAMME PHASE:	November 2017 – October 2022
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RATIONALE

Mozambique is a country at high risk from climate change affected by increasingly unpredictable rainfall, droughts as well as abnormal and extreme weather events like cyclones. These climate shocks have significant implications, mainly because most of the farmers practice rain-fed agriculture and are not adequately prepared for the changes. Consequently, food security is negatively affected. The agricultural sector is key for development in the country with an estimated 90% of the population depending on agricultural produce to gain an income or get food for their households. Limited value chain integration, insufficient or limited access to quality inputs, services and new technologies, limited capacity to invest in income diversifying activities and under-representation of female farmers' in organisations are some of the challenges smallholders face.

Agricultural inputs on sale in the local market



FAR Programme Focus Areas

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The FAR Programme addresses the need for increased focus on the impacts of climate change, with regard to sustainable food security through climate-smart agriculture. It aims to address the lack of smallholder capacity and ability to manage the risks associated with climate change and shocks. The programme is implemented in selected districts in the Central Provinces of Sofala and Manica.

The interventions employed focus on three different outcomes. These are: stable food availability, stable food access and promotion of climate-smart agricultural dissemination/information systems. The programme targets both men and women but deliberately targets female heads of plots, to increase their resilience and unleash their untapped potentials.

The programme employs the Inclusive Markets (IM) approach to trigger systemic change in the market by building on existing 'end-of-the market opportunities' taking a facilitative role, rather than delivering direct services. It prioritizes the value chains of maize, rice, beans, cassava, sweet potatoes, vegetables and small animals (ducks, chicken and goats). This is based on their importance in the targeted provinces for food security and climate resilience, their potential for improvement in yields, relevance as cash crops, nutritional value, soil enrichment and suitability for crop rotation and intercropping.

EXPECTED PROGRAMME IMPACT



Increased availability and access to food for 30,000 to 45,000 semi-subsistence and semi-commercial smallholder households (50% women).



Adoption of climate-resilient agricultural production, value chain integration and income diversification.

TESTIMONIAL

"I am a distributor of agricultural inputs and own two stores in Nhamatanda District. As a wholesaler, I work with nine retailers who sell inputs to smallholders on request. I also manage the Agricultural Machinery Park which rents out machinery to farmers to realise their agricultural activities. My average monthly income varies with the different seasons. In months of high demand, I make CHF 1,672 (100,000 MT) while during low demand months, I make CHF 418 (25,000MT). In May 2018, I participated in a business management training facilitated by the FAR programme. The capacity building session enlightened me on the best management skills to employ in my business, efficient and sustainable service delivery and ways of strengthening commercial relationships with my suppliers. I hope the FAR programme will help me create better conditions for business expansion and see my sales volumes increase despite the major difficulty we face of restricted retailer sale conditions. I expect to benefit from the programme implementation and increase my income to better support my wife and five children."

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