



# Mozambique

Mozambique has fertile land, vast natural resources, and rich biodiversity. It is a gateway for regional trade and investment because of its strategic location along the Indian Ocean. Over the years, the country has made progress in expanding education, improving health outcomes, and creating new economic opportunities.

However, over 60% of the [population](#) still lives below the poverty line. Agricultural productivity is low, and access to basic resources is limited, while structural inequalities persist. The frequency and severity of climate-related shocks have risen in recent years, particularly affecting those living in rural and peri-urban areas.

Since 1995, SNV has worked closely with the Government of Mozambique and other stakeholders in search of locally led and lasting solutions to these challenges. This collaboration has helped strengthen institutional systems and build climate resilience in the agri-food, energy, and water sectors—with a special focus on gender equality and social inclusion (GESI).

As development and financing evolve and the private sector takes a larger role in climate action, SNV and its partners' technical expertise supports the delivery of scalable, market-based solutions that enable people and communities to thrive.

Looking ahead to 2030, SNV calls on partners to collaborate in ensuring equitable access to energy, water, and food systems—creating impact that matters and leaving no one behind.



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## Over 4M people

gained access to clean and renewable energy technologies (2019-2025)

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## 1.5M people

now receive climate-resilient water and sanitation services. (2021-2025)

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## 2.5K jobs

have been created. (2019-2025)

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## Responding to the climate crisis

Mozambique is among the world's most climate-vulnerable countries. In 2019, the country incurred economic losses exceeding €2.7 billion due to [climate-related disasters](#). Frequent events of cyclones, floods, droughts, and erosion threaten food security, public health, and essential services, particularly in rural areas.

In response, the Government of Mozambique has strengthened its climate policy framework through the National Adaptation Plan, updated the disaster risk management legislation, and integrated resilience into development planning. Subnational adaptation plans and improved access to climate finance, including from the Green Climate Fund, are creating new opportunities to build resilient systems.

SNV supports these efforts by, among others, promoting decentralised renewable energy and climate-resilient services. This aligns with Mozambique's Vision 2030 for sustainable development, empowering institutions and communities to adapt to climate-related shocks.

### BRILHO | Nationwide | 2019-26 | €44M

Since 2019, the BRILHO programme has been driving expanded access to clean and affordable off-grid energy across Mozambique. By June 2025, this enabled more than 4 million people to gain access to solar home systems and improved cookstoves, enhancing living standards and lowering energy expenses.

BRILHO works closely with over 30 private sector companies, offering financing and technical support to stimulate market development. The programme has helped foster economic growth by generating over 2,400 jobs, predominantly in rural communities.

The promotion of clean energy has contributed to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels, aligning with Mozambique's climate commitments.

Additionally, it supports improved health, education, and productivity by providing reliable energy access to households and small businesses.

BRILHO remains a key catalyst for the country's inclusive and sustainable socio-economic progress.

**Partners:** FCDO, Embassy of Sweden, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy (MIREME), the Energy Regulatory Authority (ARENE) and the National Energy Fund (FUNAE), and SNV



### +SOL | Zambézia, Tete, and Niassa | 2024-28 | €10M

Launched in 2024, the Mozambique Off-Grid Electrification Accelerator (+SOL) programme supports inclusive energy access by combining performance-based financing with technical assistance. With €10 million in funding from the Embassy of Sweden, +SOL has initiated partnerships with over 10 private companies to deploy Green Mini-Grids (GMGs), Solar Home Systems (SHSs), and Clean Cooking Solutions (CCSs) in off-grid areas. The programme, which is in its early stages of implementation, is supporting job creation, improved household energy access, and reduced reliance on traditional fuels.

+SOL also engages public institutions to strengthen regulatory frameworks and local capacity, while building a scalable model for long-term off-grid electrification—contributing to Mozambique's energy transition and inclusive development goals.

**Partners:** Embassy of Sweden in Mozambique, MIREME, SNV, FUNAE, ARENE, EDM, and private sector companies

### +SOL highlights, 2024-28



**1.5M tonnes** of CO<sub>2</sub> reduced



**320K+ units** deployed for improved cooking access



**409K new connections** providing access to electrification



**51K products** for commercial use, including mini-grids, solar home systems, and clean cookstoves

## Accelerating inclusive development

Mozambique faces persistent inequalities driven by poverty, gender disparities, youth unemployment, and limited access to basic services in rural areas. The government has introduced policy frameworks such as the Five-Year Government Plan and the National Strategy for Inclusive and Sustainable Development to emphasise equity. The implementation of these policies, however, remains uneven.

Decentralisation reforms, improved social protection instruments, and increased donor focus on locally led development can help bring the focus back to inclusive development.

SNV works with partners in Mozambique to break systemic barriers—prioritising women, youth, people with disabilities, and marginalised rural populations. This integrated approach makes them part of the decision-making process and enables better access to basic services and economic opportunities. This is in alignment with the Mozambique Government's ambition for a more equitable, inclusive, and resilient society by 2030.

### GeraSol | Nampula, Cabo Delgado, and Niassa | 2024-28 | €6.3M

The GeraSol project is designed to generate jobs and business opportunities for the young people of northern Mozambique in the decentralised renewable energy sector. As part of the initiative, over 1,000 young Mozambicans will be equipped with technical, foundational, and business skills specific to the sector.

The training courses, aimed at fostering both formal jobs and self-employment, are being held at the Instituto Industrial e Comercial de Nampula (IICN). So far, more than 500 young people who were part of this programme have been hired by energy companies across the country.

Through these efforts, GeraSol creates pathways out of poverty for underserved communities and prepares young people to become active participants in the country's transition to green energy.

**Partners:** Embassy of Sweden, SNV, and IICN

### OYE | Cabo Delgado | 2019-23 | €11.15 M

The Opportunity for Youth Employment and Value Chain Development (OYE) programme was initiated to equip young people in the farm sector with skills relevant to the market. As part of the initiative, 5,000 people—40% of them women—were trained in entrepreneurship, financial inclusion, and creating opportunities in the agribusiness, renewable energy, and other rural economy sectors. The programme was implemented across the Balama, Montepuez, and Namun districts of Cabo Delgado province.

It focused on five components: Opportunities for Youth Employment, soy value chain, horticulture, nutrition, and economic resilience for internally displaced persons. The programme had a positive impact on incomes, food and nutrition security, family farming performance, and market access in Cabo Delgado. This further strengthens the government's strategies to improve agricultural development and reduce chronic malnutrition in the country.

**Partners:** Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mozambique, SNV, and TechnoServe

**'Now we feel dignity. Before, using the latrine felt like hiding. When it rained, we got wet. Today, things have changed.'**

**Atália Melo**  
Community member, Niassa  
Province



## Strengthening governance and institutions

Mozambique continues to face challenges in institutional capacity, coordination, and service delivery, particularly at the local level. Many subnational governments lack the necessary financial and technical resources to effectively implement their development priorities.

To improve local governance, the government has taken active measures, such as the Decentralisation Framework Law and increased fiscal transfers to districts. National strategies on public financial management and civil service reform also create space for institutional strengthening.

SNV supports these efforts by enabling local authorities, service providers, and multi-stakeholder platforms to contribute to the development of various sectors. This has facilitated government-community dialogue, resulting in more inclusive decision-making and transparent governance.

### GOTAS III | Niassa Province | 2022-26 | €4.06M

The Transparent Governance for Water, Sanitation and Health III programme (GOTAS III) aims to strengthen inclusive WASH governance and local service delivery. It supports government institutions and community actors across seven districts in delivering sustainable sanitation and hygiene solutions tailored to rural contexts. So far, GOTAS III has improved coordination between government, civil society, and service providers, built the capacity of cooperatives and artisans, and enabled community monitoring of WASH services. It increased the role of women and youth in decision-making. Through multi-stakeholder collaboration and alignment in WASH service planning, 43,000 people gained access to water, over 4,000 people now use improved sanitation facilities, and 90 communities are engaged in ending open defaecation. These efforts help reduce water-related diseases in underserved areas.

**Partners:** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, SNV, and United Purpose

### AIAS III | Nationwide | 2021-25 | €18 M

In alignment with the Government of Mozambique's 2025 targets for pro-poor and universal access to water and sanitation, SNV continues to strengthen the capacity of small-scale service operators through the AIAS project. Now in its third phase, the project combines technical support with digital innovation to enhance service delivery in smaller towns and rural communities, notably through the registration of the Water and Sanitation Information Base on the mWater platform. To date, more than 467,000 school children have taken part in sensitisation programmes on sanitation and hygiene awareness. Over 600,000 people have gained the capacity to lead and sustain behavioural changes in the community, while around 3,000 individuals have been trained in faecal sludge management services.

**Partners:** Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mozambique, VEI, SNV, and Administração de Infra-estruturas de Água e Saneamento

### T-WASH II | Nationwide | 2021-26 | €33.5M

The Transforming Access to Water Sanitation and Hygiene and Nutrition Services (T-WASH) II programme promotes sustainable WASH and improves nutrition for rural communities in 89 districts. It has enabled more effective collaboration between district, provincial, and national stakeholders and has improved planning, budgeting, and accountability.

The programme strengthened hygiene promotion outcomes and reduced service gaps, enabling over 305,000 people access to a water supply and 57,000 access to sanitation services. Additionally, 400 communities have been declared open-defaecation free. Through T-WASH activities in fund management and capacity strengthening, local actors are better equipped to respond to community needs, creating sanitation and nutrition services that are more resilient to climate-related disruptions.

**Partners:** FCDO, SNV, and Ministry of Public Works of Mozambique

SNV is a global development partner deeply rooted in the African and Asian countries where we operate. With 60 years of experience and a team of approximately 1,600 people, we strengthen capacities and catalyse partnerships that transform agri-food, energy and water systems. Working on the core themes of gender equality and social inclusion, climate adaptation and mitigation, and strong institutions and effective governance, we tailor our approaches to different contexts to achieve large-scale impact and create sustainable and more equitable lives for all.

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