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Enabel in Mozambique

Belgium - Mozambique cooperation programme 2023-2028

The Belgian cooperation has been active in Mozambique for 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. Enabel's cooperation programme 2023-2028 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

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 25 million is designed around two actions:

- a multi-stakeholder project, which will further develop the local experience and expertise in climate-proof public services related to access to water and energy, losses and damages as well as waste management and circular economy to improve the living conditions of the local communities on the one hand, and on the other hand, to feed the overarching policy dialogue;
- a study, expertise and preparation facility, which will act as a catalyst for the mobilisation of climate finance for national priorities within the priority sectors of the main project. This further reinforces the creation of synergies, complementarities and agility.

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Renewable energy – 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, the energy situation is that about 95% of the population still relies on traditional biomass for daily energy needs while about 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 the realisation of its energy transition. Enabel, through its cooperation programme, with budgets of EUR 2 million on energy access and of EUR 3 million on policy dialogue, 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.

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Losses and Damages

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 USD 3 billion in 2019).

Through the cooperation programme, Enabel will support the National Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and other relevant stakeholders with a budget of approximately EUR 2 million 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.

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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, with a EUR 3.5 million budget, 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.

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Waste management and circular economy

The waste component of the programme (EUR 2 million) will be aimed at supporting the transition to a sustainable waste management system for residential and assimilated wastes in the municipalities of Nacala and Nampula. To this end, it will focus 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. This will be one of the first projects focusing on strengthening the capacity on solid waste management in Mozambique.

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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. With a budget of EUR 3.5 million, 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.

Other actions

Partnered with the Brussels Capital Region

- Duration : 2024-2026
- Budget : EUR 1 million



Enabel has partnered with the Brussels Capital Region to support renewable-powered water supply systems, which will be complementary to the Access to Water component of the governmental cooperation programme.



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 in particular 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.

Breakdown of financial commitments 2023-2028



- **33%** Renewable energy
- **16%** Water
- **21%** Waste and circular economy
- **12%** Losses and damages
- **17%** Climate finance

Geographical concentration of the Cooperation Programme



About Enabel

Enabel is the Belgian development agency. It implements Belgium's governmental cooperation. The agency also works for other national and international donors. With its partners in Belgium and abroad, Enabel offers solutions to address pressing global challenges - Climate Change, Urbanisation, Human Mobility, Peace and Security, Economic and Social Inequality - and to promote Global Citizenship. With 2,000 staff, Enabel manages about 170 projects in twenty countries, in Belgium, Africa and the Middle East.

Since 2000, Mozambique is one of the 14 partner countries of the Belgian governmental cooperation.



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