

The new 5 year-plan of the Government of Mozambique 2015-2019 (Plano Quinquenal do Governo) sets as priorities: inclusive growth, employment creation and improvements in wellbeing.

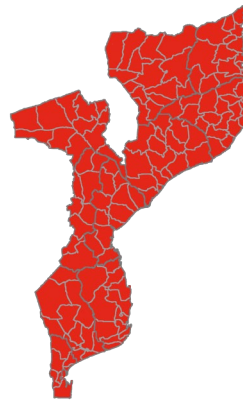
With the end of the Action Plan for Poverty Reduction in 2015, the plan of the Government and its implementation strategies will be the main reference documents of the Government of Mozambique for accountability towards its citizens.

Development policies tend to be pro-poor if there is an active citizenship. Monitoring the results of public policies at the local level transforms citizens from passive recipients to active agents of change and results in an advanced state of accountability and responsibility. Given the fact that past policies on poverty reduction didn't show as significant improvements in development as could be expected and even though the actual plan of the Government mentions explicitly inclusiveness of growth and improvement of wellbeing as priorities, an active involvement of citizens and civil society in formulation, planning, implementation and monitoring of Government plans and policies is highly relevant in order to actually achieve inclusiveness of growth and improvements in wellbeing.

Independent research and active engagement in policy dialogue with government will therefore improve the quantity and quality of interactions between state and non-state actors and improve development policies and the use of public resources.

## Local Governance

### Local Governance Monitoring Initiative



**Geographical focus:**  
National

**Target Group:**  
Directorates and Departments  
Mozambican Government at central and local level, Members of Parliament, Local Civil Society Organizations, Academics, International Community, Mozambican citizens and General Public.

**Time frame:**  
January 2015 - December 2018

**Phase:** 3

**Budget:**  
CHF 8.880.000 - USD 9.370.000 - MZM 340.000.000

**Implementing Partners:**  
Centre for Public Integrity-CIP  
Institute for Social and Economic Studies-IESE  
Civil Society Support Mechanism-MASC Foundation  
Forum Mulher-FM

**Partners:**  
Denmark, DANIDA, Finland, Oxfam/AGIR, Norway, DFID

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## Goal

The overall objective of the program is to improve the quantity and quality of interactions between state and non-state actors in order to improve development policies, accountability and the use of public resources.

## Main activities

- Production of analytical papers on the development impact of the extractive industry, transparency, improvement of social protection mechanisms, poverty and inequality, participation and service delivery at local level.
- Inputs to public debate (seminars, conferences, media interventions).
- Exposure of specific cases of conflict of interest.
- Budget monitoring and reporting.
- Papers and briefing notes on the compliance of oversight and control institutions with their legal mandates, on public-private partnerships and on public revenues and expenditures.
- Training and mentoring of Civil Society Organizations at local level.
- Awareness raising on women priorities and active participation by women in policy dialogue.

## Impact

Through independent and empirically sound research, active engagement in policy dialogue with government at all levels and advocacy around specific issues, civil society will improve the development effectiveness of public resources and the accountability of public institutions.

## Results achieved

- The Institute for Social and Economic Studies evidence-based research and engagement in public policies contributed to the adaptation of legislation and regulation of the extractive industry and mega projects.
- The Center of Public Integrity's work in public expenditure monitoring, contributed to the preparation and approval of new anti-corruption legislation that, if properly implemented, will better protect public interest against private abuse.

## Expected Results

- Expanded evidence-based civil society engagement in public policies and political processes through analysis and research.
- Improved transparency and integrity in the management of public affairs through public expenditure monitoring and advocacy campaigns.
- Civil society at local level enabled and encouraged to create alliances to act in a coordinated and coherent manner to solve concrete problems and to promote women's rights.

## Beneficiaries

Directorates and Departments Mozambican Government at central and local level, Members of Parliament, Local Civil Society Organizations, Academics, International Community, Mozambican citizens and General Public.

## Transversal themes

Promote gender equality and combat discrimination against women as explicit objectives of the intervention. Through support to Forum Mulher problems related to gender equity in local and national politics and policy making will be specifically highlighted.