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Title: Livelihoods, Women Economic and Infrastructure Recovery

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MISSION: Livelihoods, Women economic recovery and Infrastructure recovery scoping mission to Machanga District, Sofala Province

TYPE OF MISSION:

- Introduce UNDP Mozambique Recovery Facility activities
- Conduct consultations/discussions with the local Government about proposed activities to ensure buy-in and involvement of the Government.
- Agree with the local Government on the proposed locations/communities for activities implementation.
- Have an overview of the District development partners and their activities.

TEAM MEMBERS

UNDP team:

- Mogas Canhe – Livelihoods and Women Economic Recovery Specialist
- Kelvin Coelho – Housing and community infrastructure Architect
- Absolome Machava – Driver

The agenda followed:

Date	Activity	Participants	Overnight Accommodation
Wednesday – 17 August			
07:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Travel to Machanga</u> 	Mogas Canhe, Absolome Machava, Kelvin Coelho	<i>Machanga</i>
Thursday – 18 August			
08:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Courtesy Visit to the local administration.</u> • <u>Working meeting with the Economic activities Directorate (SDAE)</u> • <u>Working meeting</u> • <u>Visit to 1/2 development partners</u> • <u>Visit 1/2 Communities</u> 	Mogas Canhe, Absolome Machava, Kelvin Coelho	<i>Machanga</i>
Friday – 19 August			
07:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Travel back to Beira</u> 	Mogas Canhe, Absolome Machava, Kelvin Coelho	<i>Beira</i>

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE MAIN FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS:

- Machanga is a District prone both to floods and draught. Part of the District lies in the Rio Save banks and the other side is bathed by the Indian Ocean.
- The areas most affected by cyclone IDAI is the District headquarter (Mavinga Locality), Zimwala and Inharringue (Chiloane island).
- The district's main economic activities are agriculture and fishing (river and maritime), small commerce, salt extraction and livestock.
- Due to the pressure exerted on fishing resources, the District government is investing in the intensification of agriculture and livestock activities to reduce this pressure.
- In the District there are 18 Associations (16 agriculture, 1 fishing and 1 livestock) and 43 Savings and Loans groups promoted by past IFAD projects.
- There is great potential for tomato production, which is sold in Inhambane and Praia Nova in the city of Beira.
- Due to floods and drought it's difficult for farmers in Machanga to keep seeds from one season to the other.
- Due to the prevalence of drought, the district needs to invest in drought-resistant crops such as sweet potato, cassava, and pineapples.
- According to SDPI Machanga, there is 47 infrastructures damage by cyclones including schools, health centers and public building.
- We visited 2 primary schools accordingly EPC Nhahole and EPC Muguruzo which are very damaged and were build with no resilient procedures and really care for interventions with the children having lessons in precary temporary classrooms.
- There is a lack of support from partners for the rehabilitation of buildings, which has led the local government to make small repairs to important buildings so as not to stop activities for the last couple years.
- There is a local market, but no vendors selling at the market. They use the adjacent area to the market to sell the products.
- There is no potential to build a fish market in the main town because the fishing village is far from the main town and it is not sustainable for the fishermen to transport the fish as there is no means of conservation.

2. PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS:

- Support farmers in accessing first season seeds.
- Support income and food sources diversification through assets transfer (local chicken).
- Strengthen organizational and technical capacities of Farmers Associations and savings groups and train them in business management skills and market access.
- Establish new Savings groups.
- Support the local government in establishment of irrigated Cassava, sweet potato (including the orange flesh) and pineapple for later distribution to the farmers.
- Support formalization of salt producer associations.
- Rehabilitation of the most affected infrastructures including schools, health centers and public buildings.
- Construction of a storage warehouse for fresh fish so the fishermen can preserve the fesh fish.

3. CONCLUSIONS (related to the objectives of the trip):

MRF can support the following activities:

- In order to support the local Government intention to reduce pressure on the fishing resources MRF can support intensification of agriculture through provision of improved seeds and also support promotion of drought tolerant crops. MRF can also support diversification of food and income sources by investing in local chicken for selected households. MRF can also support in strengthening the capacity of local groups/associations, formalize them and provide them with business skills training.
- In relation to the requested fish market, we don't see any potential for that because the market would be contributing to the mentioned over extraction of fishery resources. But we can support on building storage warehouse for fresh fish.
- MRF can also support on the construction and rehabilitation of schools, public building including offices and chief residences as well as health centers.

4. PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT:



Fig.1 Sweet potato – A drought resistant crop with great acceptance in Machanga District

Fig. 2 Pineapple: A drought resistant crop with great acceptance in Machanga District



Fig. 3 EPC Nhahole with 4 classrooms and 1 administrative room damage by cyclone Idai



Fig. 4 Machanga Sede Market partially damage with no sellers inside

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