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Horticulture field in Tete province

# EDITORIAL



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**Welcome** to the seventh issue of Mbeu, the FAO Mozambique quarterly Newsletter.

For this quarter FAO Mozambique gives special emphasis to a multi-disciplinary FAO team mission visiting Mozambique on support to the Agenda 2030.

We also led a seminar with many partners in Maputo province about Mozambique positioning on international trade (pag. 5).

An important moment for us during the last three months was the launch of electronic voucher in Nampula and Zambezia provinces within MDG1c sub-programme that benefit about 2000 farmers (pag.3).

Recently FAO launched the project “Strengthening integrated adaptation planning and implementation in Southern Africa smallholder agricultural systems to support food security in Mozambique”.(pag.7)

FAO also held trainings on nutritional education and assessing on incentives and disincentives of agricultural prices within MAFAP project (pag.7).

On climate change, FAO also held an agroecology training in Maputo Province (pag.7).

From the field, we present a success story from Manica Province. A lady who leads her household, a farmer and also a facilitator of a FFS in Gondola district farming more than 10 ha land (pag.9).

Especially for this issue, read about FAO Mozambique activities related to World Food Day (pag.3).

Finally meet new staff members of FAOMZ and said goodbye too (pag. 8).

I hope you find this seventh issue informative and interesting. Keep in touch with comments and feedback to [Fao-mozambique@fao.org](mailto:Fao-mozambique@fao.org)/ [Telcinia.nhantumbo@fao.org](mailto:Telcinia.nhantumbo@fao.org).

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## Some highlights from FAO Mozambique this quarter

### Nampula & Zambézia

#### E-voucher launch in Nampula and Zambezia provinces



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Rosa António, e-voucher system beneficiary

The launches took place in Ribáuè district, in Nampula Province and Alto Molócue district, in Zambezia province. The voucher component aims to improve access for subsistence and emerging farmers to improved agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, chemicals), providing a temporary subsidy to facilitate the purchase of inputs where the producers only pay part of the package to the agro-dealers and retailers and the system provides an additional value. This program is part of FAO's contribution to the fight against hunger and malnutrition in Mozambique" and it is expected to benefit approximately 1,200 producers in Ribaué district in Nampula and over 800 producers in Nivava locality in Zambezia province. [Click here to read more](#)

### Maputo

#### World Food Day 2016- "The climate is changing. Food and Agriculture must too "



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FAO during WFD celebrations

The celebrations of World Food Day were under the theme "The climate is changing. Food and Agriculture must too ". The central ceremonies in Mozambique were held in Ka Mubukuane district in Maputo. The event was attended by the provincial and district government authorities and several members of civil society and farmer's associations. During the event the FAO Representative in Mozambique said that "climate change is a reality in the country and urged the producers to greater adaptation to climate change in order to mitigate negative impacts". [Click here to read more](#)

### Maputo

#### "We need more Impact of agriculture on nutrition"



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Farmer learning nutritional practices

In a universe of about 24 thousand inhabitants, 43% suffer from malnutrition in Mozambique, of which the most affected are children 0-5 years old. The strategy of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in nutrition is to contribute with guidelines on food nutrition and to implement policies that support agricultural programmes with an impact on nutrition. In response to the high levels of malnutrition in the country, the FAO recently conducted a training in Multisectoral Planning in Food and Nutrition Security for technicians from the Technical Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security (SETSAN) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MASA) and other government sectors. [Click here to read more](#)

## FAO actions in Mabalane District in response to El Niño



Teresa Mapwsanganhe and husband lost cattle during the drought



Teresa's livestock

### FAO response against El Niño

In response to the El Niño Phenomenon, FAO in Mozambique has undertaken a number of actions to improve the resilience of communities. In Pfu kwé, Mabalane district, Gaza province, FAO works with farmers groups at the Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and at the Pastoralists Field School, teaching practices for a better adaption to climate change effects. It has been more than two years that it does not rain in Pfu kwé. [Click here to read more](#)



Farmers preparing blocks of mineral salt to feed animals



Farmers preparing nutritional food

The animals in very critical situation are placed in stables with some blocks of mineral salts to recover. This is a resilience practice that pastoralists have been learning within the FAO emergency programme that has been providing some support for them.

Farmer Field Schools members also learn how to prepare nutritional food during the drought period. After learning from FFSs facilitators, the farmers share what they learned with their communities.

# (INTER)ACTING

## SHARP in the field



Farmers interacting with SHARP team



FAO facilitators using tablet application

### SHARP in the field – more than 300 farmers covered

FAO had started the implementation of a Self-evaluation and Holistic Assessment of climate Resilience of Farmers and Pastoralists (SHARP) applied to farmers at the provinces of Gaza, Sofala, Tete and Manica in Mozambique. For the assessment 30 technicians were trained in the SHARP methodology and 73 technicians, among supervisors, extensionists and extension supervisors attended to the self-evaluations in the districts. In total about 384 questionnaires were collected in 60 FFSs. [Click here to read more](#)



Meeting about Mozambique Positioning on International Trade

### “Cross-sectoral relations are critical to agricultural commodity markets development in Mozambique”

FAO held from 02 -04 November a technical meeting about "Mozambique Positioning on International Trade", aiming at discussing strategies to implement agricultural trade policies in the country. During the workshop, MASA's Vice- Minister, Luísa Meque said that "agricultural activity in Mozambique accounts for about 25% of GDP and that trade policies have the potential to influence the development of agricultural value chains, with emphasis on commodities such as maize, rice, meat and so on affecting agricultural food systems - global, regional and national". [Click here to read more](#)

FAOMZ held a field visit and workshop on support to the Agenda 2030

FAO welcomed a multi-disciplinary mission on support to Agenda 2030 in the country.



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Farmers from Gondola district

Farmers from Manica Province, Gondola district in Mozambique welcomed FAO mission in support to Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in Mozambique. The mission focused on identifying priorities that promote sustainable proven innovative practices and principles of production and post-production processes (responding to the Regional Initiative 2 – RI2) over the next two years.

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The FAO multi-disciplinary team, also held a workshop attended by government counterparts, partners and representatives of the Mozambican civil society, for exchanging experiences and establishing synergies for a coordinated and integrated implementation of Agenda 2030 in the country. The Regional initiative 2 in Africa works on "Intensification of Production and Sustainable Development of Value Chains". This initiative targets specifically nine countries on the continent: Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda and Zambia.



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FAO staff interacting during the national workshop



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Mission on support to the Agenda 2030

The mission consists of experts from the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, the Accra based regional office in Ghana and the FAO sub-regional office based in Harare -Zimbabwe .

Read about the projects supported by FAOMZ



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The new project aims to reduce climate changes impact

## New FAO project on climate change may benefit 1800 households

FAO launched the project “Strengthening integrated adaptation planning and implementation in Southern Africa smallholder agricultural systems to support food security” The project will directly contribute to increase adaptive capacity of 80 percent of selected population in 60 communities (1 800 farm households) with adaptation practices will enhance resilience of 600 ha of crop area. [Click here to read more](#)



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The training aimed to analyse the prices of commodity markets in Mozambique

## FAO and partners analyse incentives and disincentives of prices of agricultural products

Technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MASA) and the Agriculture Policy Research Centre (CEPAG), the Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry Engineering of the University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM) and other institutions linked to the agricultural sector have been for two days involved into a training, within a technical seminar held by FAO.

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The training benefited technicians from FFSs

## Training in Agroecology on climate change project

FAO held in Marracuene district, an agroecology training, under the project: "Strengthening Capacities of Agricultural producers to cope with Climate Change for increased Food Security through the Farmers Field School approach". In whole, 46 technicians including extension agents, teachers and facilitators of Farmer Field Schools (FFS) were trained.

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# HELLO TO!!!

This quarter we are very happy to welcome new staff members to the office! We also said goodbye!



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Inácio Perreira

In October FAOMZ welcomed Inácio Perreira working as Emergency Programme Coordinator.

Lately he worked at Zambezy Development Agency as a Senior Consultant on seed sector activities.

Inácio also worked at the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Environment.



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Jacinto Mutambe

We also said hello to Jacinto Mutambe. He is leading the Flanders Project that aims to help reducing climate change impact in Gaza province. Lately he worked with FAO on the evaluation of floods in Zambézia province in 2015. Jacinto also worked in a project about natural resources management.

# GOOD BYE TO!!!



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FAO staff saying goodbye to Whalley and wife

Last November FAO said goodbye to Whalley Howard. He has been working at FAO within the MDG1 sub-programme as an administrative officer.



## Emília Manuel from Manica Province, Gondola district



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During the field visit, the FAO mission interacted with Emília Manuel, a farmer and also a facilitator of Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) under the FAO sub-programme to "Accelerate the Progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Mozambique" (MDG1c).

Emília is a single mother heading her household. Agriculture is the source of income she found to take care of her family. The farmer is an example of persistence and commitment to increase production in Mozambique. She is just one in a group of 20 farmers who belongs to the FFS in Gondola district.



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Within FAO's electronic voucher system to improve access for subsistence and emerging farmers to improved agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, chemicals she was able to expand her farm.

"I get in FFS of FAO in 2013. I was farming 2 ha land. With the knowledge acquired I could increase the production and sell vegetables to restaurants in Gondola. With the money I get I changed my life and expanded my farm. Now I am exploring 10 hectares, 7 hectares of maize and 3 hectares of vegetables" said the farmer.



Emília explains that her main challenge is transport to sell her products in the markets and the need to have seeds in better quality for the next seasons.

The farmer also manage a fish tank introduced by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to improve Gondola's farmers lives.

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