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LOCAL EMPOWERMENT TO ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT (USAID LEAD)

BACKGROUND

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play a significant role in providing quality social services to citizens in every country. Yet NGOs in Mozambique face challenges to achieving institutional, financial and programmatic sustainability. Many Mozambican NGOs show weak institutional governance, leadership, and systems, and lack stable and diversified funding. Combined, these factors result in weak performance and eventually failure. By building local capacity to plan, finance, and implement solutions to Mozambique’s development challenges, USAID will help ensure the sustainability of development initiatives and will broaden the partner base for future initiatives.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The project aims at strengthening the sustainability of local NGOs to meet their individual mandates. USAID LEAD will provide approximately 5 NGOs per year with technical assistance and support to build overall organizational capacity. Participating NGOs will be selected from various sectors, including health, media and education. Support given focuses on strengthening organizational governance, building human resource and financial management skills, and improving service delivery. The importance of integrating gender sensitive and inclusive policies and procedures into hiring, procurement and activities is also highlighted in the assistance provided.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND IMPACTS

Participating NGOs will enhance their ability to sustainably meet their organizational mandate. They will be better able to:

- Create a shared vision and strategy within the organization,
- Develop strategic partnerships,
- Establish transparent and accountable policies and procedure,
- Monitor, evaluate and analyze organization’s performance,
- Identify innovative funding sources,
- Manage multiple donors and increased revenues.

<p>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:</p> <p>EUROSIS Consultoria e Formação em Gestão, Lda</p>	<p>GOAL:</p> <p>Increase approximately 25 local NGOs’ ability to meet their mandates and sustainably contribute to development outcomes in Mozambique</p>	<p>USAID FUNDING:</p> <p>\$4.89 million</p>
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