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STRENGTHENED INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE ISSUES (USAID REAJIR)

BACKGROUND

Mozambique stands poised to reap the benefits from an abundance of hydrocarbon, mineral, and other natural resources, yet the government faces challenges related to transparency, accountability, inclusion, and participation. Over the past two decades, civil society and the media have demanded greater government transparency and accountability. However, significant challenges persist, including harassment of journalists and self-censorship. To increase influence and accountability, civil society and the media will need to inform citizens and advocate effectively on increasingly complex economic governance issues at national and local levels.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

USAID REAJIR aims to increase accountability in natural resource management and other economic governance issues by improving Mozambican journalists’ skills in investigating and reporting on these topics. The program focuses on increasing investigative journalistic skills, incentivizing media outlets and journalist teams to produce quality investigative pieces, and improving support systems for investigative journalists. It provides support to at least 50 journalists and 6 media outlets nationwide, including at least 10 journalists and 3 media outlets from the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Zambézia.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND IMPACTS

- Develop an innovative investigative journalism training curriculum
- Train 50 new journalists in investigative journalism techniques
- Publish 20 investigative pieces
- Support 22 journalists to attend investigative journalism conferences and 6 to internships abroad
- Establish a professional network for Mozambican investigative journalists
- Sponsor a domestic correspondent program to facilitate reporting from different parts of the country
- Organize an international investigative journalism conference in Maputo

<p>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER: Associação Midia Lab, ML* <i>*Midia Lab will lead a consortium made up of Carta, CJI, Mediacoop (Savana) and SOICO and Wits Journalism</i></p>	<p>GOAL: For Mozambican citizens to be better informed and motivated to participate in governance processes.</p>	<p>LIFE OF ACTIVITY: October 2021 -September 2024</p>
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