



# BOOSTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT BY STRENGTHENING FAMILY FARMING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The project was implemented in order to address and support the progressive implementation of family farming-related policies and programme, in particular in countries forming part of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries. In addition, the project contributed to strengthening rural development policies by strengthening family farming in cooperation partner countries. While initially planned to cover Mozambique, Kenya, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Senegal, the project's revised budget, work plan and activities meant that the number of countries targeted was reduced, with focus placed solely on Mozambique. The project was configured as a mechanism to strengthen technical capacities in Mozambique, in particular considering Brazil's experience in strengthening family agriculture, food security and adding value to rural development.



## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project supported the formulation of strategies for institutionalization of national programmes and policies aimed at identifying and supporting family farming in dialogue with the government, the academic community and civil society in Mozambique.

Specifically, it focused on the strengthening of rural development through family farming, with legal instruments for the definition of small farmer producers in the country, internal consultations held with a range of relevant sectors (such as cashew, cotton and forestry).

The project adopted guidelines for the registration of small farmer producers and for the registration of extension and technical assistance to service providers.

In addition, strategic programmes and instruments were strengthened, with a view to improving assistance to small farmers, while institutional coordination was ensured with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders.

## KEY FACTS

### Contribution

USD 797 248

### Duration

December 2014 – June 2020

### Resource Partner

Brazil

### Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security,  
National Directorate of Agrarian  
Extension (Mozambique)

### Beneficiaries

Rural communities, farmers' families and  
farmers' associations, as well as  
government institutions in Mozambique

# IMPACT

The project improved the rural development indicators and living conditions of farming families in Mozambique. Capacities have been strengthened in the country, while national programmes and policies aimed at identifying and supporting family farming in dialogue with the government, the academic community and civil society in these countries have been institutionalized.

# ACTIVITIES

- Agricultural Producers' Register System produced and available online.
- Technical mission from Mozambique to Brazil organized from 12 to 16 March 2018 to exchange experiences with regard to the implementation of the new registration system for family farming with the extension of service providers.
- Proposed new registration system for family farming developed and tested.
- Mission conducted to Mozambique in support of the final proposal and testing of the Family Agriculture Register System and to support the review and preparation of the Agrarian Extension Master Plan in August and September 2018.
- National Seminar organized to present the project's final results.
- Training provided for 2 000 people across Mozambique, including men, women and young people, on different thematic areas of family farming.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### Project Code

FAO: GCP/RAF/498/BRA

### Project Title

Exchange of Experience and Dialogue about Public Policies for Family Farming in Africa

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