

## NPT COUNTRY INFORMATION - MOZAMBIQUE

### IDENTIFICATION OF SECTORS/THEMES AND PROJECTS

Mozambique was selected as one of the first countries for implementation of the NPT programme. In close consultation with the former Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST), the Higher Education sub-sector has been chosen as the focal point for NPT support. In 2003, a demand identification process was finalized.

Identification of priority areas was based on:

- the Action Plan for The Reduction of Absolute Poverty 2001-2005 (PARPA)
- the Strategic Plan for Higher Education 2000-2010
- consultation visits to higher education institutions

Recommendations on the weaknesses defined in the demand identification report were:

- expanding access to post-secondary education, notably to technical-vocational training;
- improving the quality of teaching,
- improve the link between offered education and labour market demands
- improving efficiency in post-secondary education, stressing the importance of good governance
- regional decentralisation of higher education institutions
- diminish the gap between secondary and post-secondary education
- public vs. private higher education establishments need to be addressed
- combating HIV/AIDS in the educational sector

Seven projects have been identified supporting seven higher education institutions in Mozambique and the new Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC). In early 2004, it was decided to split up MHEST and integrate the Higher Education section in a new Ministry for Education and Culture. The projects address the following priority areas (these have been directly or indirectly derived from the identified weaknesses):

- good governance and public administration
- support to teacher training programmes
- support to the creation of new polytechnics
- support for HIV/AIDS research programmes
- set-up of a structured and coherent HE sub-sector
- information and communication technology

By the end of 2005, all seven projects had been awarded.

### PROJECTS

#### **Sector: Higher Education**

(NPT/MOZ/012)	Ministério da Educação e Cultura (MEC)
Dutch partner:	University of Twente/Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS)
Websites:	<a href="http://www.mec.gov.mz">www.mec.gov.mz</a> / <a href="http://www.utwente.nl/cheps/">www.utwente.nl/cheps/</a>
Project start/end:	January 2004 / December 2006
Objective:	Developing a structured and coherent HE sector and improving its quality and efficiency. This will be done through the introduction of a national quality assurance and accreditation system, a credit transfer system and by strengthening the management capacity of MEC.

- (NPT/MOZ/014) University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM) and Universidade Pedagógico (UP)  
Dutch partner: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Centre for International Cooperation  
Project start/end: January 2004 / December 2007  
Websites: [www.uem.mz](http://www.uem.mz) / [www.vu.nl](http://www.vu.nl) / [www.cis.vu.nl/home](http://www.cis.vu.nl/home)  
Objective: Improve quality of teaching and learning in the Mozambican educational system by delivering more teachers and better trained teachers to secondary schools and higher education institutions.
- (NPT/MOZ/016) Higher Institute of Public Administration (ISAP), University Eduardo Mondlane and its Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (UEM/FLCS), Higher Institute for International Relations (ISRI) and Academy of Police Sciences (ACIPOL)  
Dutch partner: Institute of Social Studies (ISS)  
Project start/end: January 2004 / December 2007  
Website: [www.uem.mz](http://www.uem.mz) / [www.iss.nl](http://www.iss.nl)  
Objective: Improve public delivery in Mozambique by enhancing the quality of training, research and outreach capabilities of four core public institutions in good governance and public administration.
- (NPT/MOZ/017) Ministério da Educação e Cultura (MEC)  
Dutch partner: Larenstein International Agricultural College  
Websites: [www.mec.gov.mz](http://www.mec.gov.mz) / [www.larenstein.com](http://www.larenstein.com)  
Project start/end: January 2004 / December 2007  
Objective: Facilitate the creation and start of polytechnics in the provinces Tete, Manica and Gaza through support of curriculum development in Agricultural Sciences, Geology and Mining Engineering, specific staff training, provision of elementary equipment and assistance in the implementation of the courses.
- (NPT/MOZ/019) Universidade Catholica de Mozambique (UCM)  
Dutch partner: Maastricht University Centre for International Cooperation in Academic Development (MUNDO)  
Websites: [www.ucm.ac.mz](http://www.ucm.ac.mz) / [www.mundo.unimaas.nl](http://www.mundo.unimaas.nl)  
Project start/end: January 2004 / January 2006  
Objective: Strengthen capacity of teachers and improve quality of education at all six faculties of UCM through the introduction of innovative learning methods, especially through implementation of the Problem-Based Learning method.
- (NPT/MOZ/127) Ministério da Educação e Cultura (MEC)  
Dutch partner: Maastricht University Centre for International Cooperation in Academic Development (MUNDO)  
Websites: [www.mec.gov.mz](http://www.mec.gov.mz) / [www.mundo.unimaas.nl](http://www.mundo.unimaas.nl)  
Project start/end: June 2005 / May 2008  
Objective: To promote academic research on HIV/AIDS issues and to create awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS through dissemination of research results and the creation of a platform to share experiences in curriculum development.
- (NPT/MOZ/034) Ministério da Educação e Cultura (MEC)  
Dutch partner: University of Groningen (RUG)  
Websites: [www.mec.gov.mz](http://www.mec.gov.mz) / [www.rug.nl/Bureau/expertisecentra/azis/bis/internationaleSamenwerking](http://www.rug.nl/Bureau/expertisecentra/azis/bis/internationaleSamenwerking)  
Project start/end: January 2006 / December 2009  
Objective: To improve the quality and efficiency of higher education and to provide support to university management processes in the HE system by capacity building in ICT.

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## INTERESTING LINKS

Republic of Mozambique (Portuguese)  
Royal Netherlands Embassy in Mozambique

[www.mozambique.mz](http://www.mozambique.mz)  
<http://www.mfa.nl/map-en/homepage>