



iDE Powering
entrepreneurs
to end poverty.

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Tete: Inaugurated education center provides adult literacy classes in 4 Angónia communities.

Manica: Farm Business Advisors (FBAs) assisted 11 women in obtaining their DUATS, increasing their production lands.

Zambezia: Mocuba Technology Centers fostered regional agricultural research and improved knowledge on climate smart technologies.

Sofala: Commercial chains linkages advanced FBAs businesses and expanded last mile clients.

Maputo: Small Commercial Farmers invested in 28 climate-smart technologies, through kiva loans, increasing output and local market demand.



95%

Of smallholder farmers (SHF) reported receiving FBA support in input and output markets linkages.

\$4,487

Was the average revenue earned by FBAs, with an average of 639 clients in 2021. Within the past year FBAs brokered 24,100 connections, of which 82% were with aggregators and SHF, input suppliers (3%) and formal buyers (15%) (supermarkets, restaurants, hotels, etc.).

Linkages Improve Livelihoods

Lavimo Jose and his family of four, live in the remote village of Ruaka, Manica. Like most farmers in his community, Lavomo grew and sold small quantities of cabbage and green beans at low prices, due to limited market knowledge.

Seeing little to no progress in his production, he was introduced to iDE Mozambique through Farm Business (FBA) Advisor Berta Jambo.

"To be truthful, since I started till now, I'm seeing that I'm on a new level"

The impacts of climate change are forcing farmers like Lavomo to find alternative market solutions and to adopt climate-smart practices.

The unpredictability of weather patterns between August to October has created water shortages that require context based interventions.

To support her clients production, FBA Berta constructed a dam with canals that pass through her clients farms.

"Before, we didn't have water. But now, it is different, we are able to have sufficient water in all months."

Lavimo now supplies fresh produce to the District Hospital of Manica year round. His stable income supports his family whilst giving him the opportunity to invest in the construction of his agro-inputs store in Ruaka, to increase local farmers accessibility to quality inputs.



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SMALLHOLDER FARMER PROFILE

Lavimo Jose

Bandula District, Manica Province



In 2021, 10 entrepreneurs were trained in well drilling. They are connected to local private sector businesses and provide services to entrepreneurs.

Well drilling models such as *jetting*, promote climate smart technologies and boost farmers yields, whilst generating youth employment and income opportunities.

It Takes a Village

To **reduce child labour** in communities across Angonia district, the **members of the community council for childrens protection (CCCP)** are **reinforcing social protection interventions** to advance children's rights and education in the region under the RETRAIA program.

"As a CCCP member & part of the school council, I see that the community needs to always be united to develop activities that can develop actions to retain children at school, maintain the school infrastructure & to support or contribute material & ideas to classrooms."

Simbe Simbe
Chokwe CCCP member

1,161

School kits and 30 bicycles
(to 15 girls and 15 boys)
were distributed amongst
school children.

28,701

**Individuals received child
labour awareness messages**
through mobile units

265

Parents or guardians
participated in literacy and
adult educational activities

110

Children between the ages of 5
to 14, **were withdrawn from child
labor activities**, and **218 were
prevented from entering child
labor activities**



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446

Farmer Field Schools

42% of clients are women. iDE is working to enhance leadership and decision making opportunities for women in and outside FFS activities.

Climate-smart Technologies Support Resilience

Agriculture is an essential component to addressing food insecurity and nutrition. iDE has partnered with Universidade de Zambeze on the Mocuba Technology and Learning Center (TLC).

The center disseminates climate-smart practices and technologies, whilst addressing gender inclusion and local challenges such as chronic malnutrition, food safety and security.

The facility brings forth a variety of technologies and **serves as a research ground for regional research**; similarly resembling the core practices of iDE Farmer Field Schools and small commercial farms

The center has shifted the communities momentum, **resulting in the creation of two farmer associations, commercialization of diverse crops, participation in the Ministry of Science and Technology fair**, and even flourished a **partnership with Bayer and Mozasem in seeds and pesticides supply**.

The center hopes to expand its technologies with a hydroponic system to allow yearlong production and to sustain quality yields. The TLC is currently managed by two faculty members, 5 students and iDE technicians.



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SUCCESS STORY

Mocuba Technology Center

Mocuba District, Zambezia Province

Our 2021 in Numbers

17

Input Trade and Technology Fairs were hosted across Manica, Sofala and Zambezia provinces in March & October of 2021, with an average of 45 input suppliers between both fair seasons, injecting \$951,563 into the economy.

64

Savings groups at Farmer Field Schools had a 61% participation rate of women. To date, \$491,613 savings have been made between 1,200 members.

\$266,502

Kiva loans were disbursed in 2021 by FBAs, agro-dealers and savings groups, generating a 20-30% business boost after their investments.

62%

Of FBAs and Small Commercial Farmers were linked to private input companies, whilst FBAs increased linkages for SHFs by 42%.



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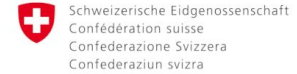
STAFF REFLECTIONS

“Working at iDE has made me into a person who is able to look at a community and see hope, because within all of the communities where we have assisted or are assisting, we planted a fruitful seed.

Our interventions understand community difficulties and create ways to resolve them, so that the community can move forward without iDE’s support.”

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