



CEP

Citizen Engagement and Accountability in Mozambique

Mozambique combines a challenging context for participation and accountability work with great opportunities for engagement and learning. It has extremely high levels of poverty and inequality, limited state capacity and a history of intense political polarisation which in recent years has frequently flared into armed conflict. It also has a great deal of dynamism and innovation among formal and informal civil society groups and in some areas of government, including in the health and education sectors and in the municipal administrations that run some of Mozambique’s most dynamic towns and cities.

IDS works in partnership with leading Mozambican NGOs and research institutes to understand Mozambique’s challenges and learn from its innovations in the fields of governance, accountability and civil society strengthening. In addition to short-term advisory and evidence synthesis work for key donor agencies including the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and research on civil society and governance in Mozambique by PhD students affiliated with the IDS Power and Popular Politics Cluster, the Institute has several longer-term research and learning partnerships with Mozambican and international organisations for work in these fields.

Our partners in Mozambique



Our international partners for work in Mozambique



Current programmes involving these partners include:

A4EA: Action for Empowerment and Accountability Research Programme

A4EA is exploring how social and political action can contribute to empowerment and accountability in fragile, conflict, and violent settings, with a particular focus on Egypt, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria and Pakistan. Funded by DFID and led by IDS, A4EA is an international consortium which includes: the Accountability Research Center, the Collective for Social Science Research, the Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives, Itad, Oxfam GB and the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research.

In Mozambique, IDS is working with the Institute of Economic and Social Studies (IESE), Kaleidoscópio, the Public Integrity Center (CIP) and the Women's Forum (Fórum Mulher) on a number of studies exploring different facets of civil society's role in strengthening accountability and different dimensions of citizens' perceptions of governance.

Find out more: www.ids.ac.uk/A4EA

Citizen Engagement Programme (CEP)



CEP is an empowerment and accountability programme aimed at improving the quality of health and education services through greater citizen influence on policy and public services in four provinces in Mozambique (Gaza, Manica, Zambezia and Nampula). The programme supports citizens and communities to actively monitor service delivery and engage with service providers to implement action plans that address the problems identified at the local level. For issues that can not be resolved at this level, CEP facilitates their discussion at higher levels (provincial and national). Led by COWI, the CEP consortium also includes: N'weti Communication for Health, the Civil Society Training and Learning Center (CESC), Save the Children, Kwantu and Oxford Policy Management (OPM). IDS is the consortium's international learning partner, leading its Innovation Lab along with CEP's central Programme Management Team.

Find out more: www.ids.ac.uk/cep

Diálogo



IDS is the external monitoring, evaluation and learning partner for Diálogo (originally known as the Mozambique Democratic Governance Support Programme, DGSP). Diálogo operates in five of Mozambique's largest and most economically and politically important municipalities: Maputo, Beira, Tete, Quelimane and Nampula. It aims to contribute to improved governance and accountability for Mozambican citizens by supporting engagement among civil society groups, media and municipal authorities to identify and tackle local governance problems.

Diálogo is funded by the Department for International Development Mozambique office (DFID-M) and implemented by a consortium led by DAI and including COWI and CESC.

Find out more: www.ids.ac.uk/dialogo

Unequal Voices (Vozes Desiguais): The Politics of Accountability for Equity in Health Systems



The Vozes Desiguais project aims to strengthen the evidence base on the politics of accountability via multi-level case studies in health systems in Brazil and Mozambique, exploring how accountability can be strengthened to deliver better health services for citizens everywhere.

Through a partnership with N'weti Communication for Health, the Kula research institute, the Brazilian Centre for Analysis and Planning (Cebap) and the Brazil Health Unlimited Association (SSL), the project compares the dimensions of accountability politics across Brazil and Mozambique and between different areas within each country to identify pathways to improving service delivery for poorer and more marginalised citizens as well as value for money for governments.

Find out more: www.ids.ac.uk/unequalvoices