

PARTNERING FOR SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION OUTCOMES (PARES)



BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET: \$35,080,752

PARTICIPANTS: 82,844 people (81,948 children and 896 adults)



DONOR: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

LOCATION: Milange (Zambezia Province), Meconta and Monapo Districts (Nampula Province)

PROJECT TIME FRAME: October 2023 - September 2028

PARTNERS: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Civil Society Capacity Building and Learning Centre (CESC), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the Government of Mozambique.

Overview

World Vision is implementing the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program funded by USDA, under the Foreign Agricultural Service. The Partnering for Sustainable Education Outcome (PARES) project is being implemented in 157 schools of Meconta and Monapo districts in Nampula province, and Milange district in Zambezia province in partnership with CRS, CESC, and in collaboration with the Government of Mozambique.

Objectives

The project has two strategic objectives:

- **Improved literacy of school-age children** focusing on: improved quality of literacy instruction, improved attentiveness, and improved school attendance.
- **Increased use of health and dietary practices** focusing on: improved knowledge of health and hygiene practices, increased access to preventive health interventions, and increasing access to clean water and sanitation.

Key interventions

- Establish activities to promote literacy to increase community understanding of the benefits of education, thus improving student school attendance.
- Train teachers and school administrators to increase their skills and knowledge in order to improve the quality of literacy instruction.
- Distribute school materials and supplies to improve quality of literacy instruction.
- Provide take-home rations to benefit pregnant and lactating women and children under 5.
- Train communities about good health and nutrition practices to increase and improve knowledge on safe food preparation and storage practices.
- Develop partnerships with farmer groups and train them on improved agricultural practices.
- Establish savings and lending groups to increase economic and agricultural resilience.
- Provide functioning latrines and drill boreholes to increase access to sanitation services and clean water supply.
- Promote citizen reporting and social accountability to increase engagement of local organizations and community groups and national government support to improve the effectiveness and quality of education services.
- Promote ownership of USDA-funded interventions to enhance sustainability in all project districts.
- Establish Joint School Procurement Committees to support the procurement of locally-produced commodities.
- Identify reliable local suppliers/farmers to improve effectiveness of food assistance through local and regional procurement of commodities.

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Key Achievements



Education

- The project registered 81,948 school-age children (40,181 girls and 41,764 boys) who will benefit from school meals starting in October 2024 in 157 schools:
 - Milange (Zambezia province): 51,534 school children (25,798 girls and 25,736 boys) – 100 schools
 - Monapo (Nampula province): 21,090 school children (9,946 girls and 11,144 boys) – 35 schools
 - Meconta (Nampula province): 9,324 school children (4,440 girls and 4,884 boys) – 22 schools
- 20 trainers of trainers (ToTs) of school councils in the three districts supported with instruction on roles and responsibilities of the council as well gender inclusion.
- 45 local actors mapped (CBOs, radios stations, and theatre groups) to partner with PARES for awareness raising on the importance of primary education, school meals advocacy, and community referral mechanisms.
- Six training manuals (including Unlock Literacy and Community Engagement and Social Accountability) revised and translated from English to Portuguese. These manuals will be used for ToTs.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- Constructors hired to build 30 blocks of latrines and 25 boreholes at schools in two districts (15 in Milange and 10 in Meconta).



Agriculture

- 130 farmers groups with significant agricultural production identified in the target districts of Millange (15), Meconta (54), and Monapo (61) for the supply of food for school meals for the local and regional procurement component of the project.



Sustainability

- High level meetings were held with government officials at the Ministries of Education and Human Development (MINEDH), Health (MISAU), Industry and Commerce (MIC), Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER), Public Works, Housing and Water Resources (MOPHRH).
- The project held meetings with the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN) in Maputo; the education, health, and infrastructure officers; as well as district administrators of Milange, Meconta, and Monapo, including the Governors of Zambezia and Nampula provinces, to provide information on the project's objectives and activities and relevant regulations, policies, and expectations.



Health and Nutrition

- Five coordination meetings held with the Nampula and Zambezia provincial governments, two of which were with the government of the Nampula province to discuss about the outbreak of haemorrhagic conjunctivitis and the situation of the internally displaced people due to Cabo Delgado armed conflicts.
- Two training manuals (National School Feeding Program and Health, Hygiene and Nutrition), revised and translated from English to Portuguese. These manuals will be used for training Community Health Volunteers, cooks, and health and nutrition ToTs.

