

# Disaster Reduction in Mozambique

## Triangular cooperation Brazil – Mozambique – Germany

### Context

Due to its geographic location, Mozambique is frequently exposed to natural disasters. Irregular rainfall periods and fluctuating rainfall intensity commonly cause floods as well as droughts. Common occurrences of tropical storms (cyclones) further increase Mozambique's susceptibility to flood disasters.

The National Institute for Disasters Management (INGC) was founded in 1999 and promotes the introduction as well as the modernisation of new concepts for protecting the population from disasters. On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has been working with the INGC since 2002. The Mozambican and German partners showed great interest in cooperating with Brazil, especially since the Brazilian Directorate for Hydrography and Navigation (DHN) and the National Institute of Meteorology (INMET) have extensive experience and competencies in forecasting weather as well as floods and storm floods.

The project dialogue was initiated in 2010, in the following year preparations began and in March 2012, all partners approved the triangular cooperation project.

### Project

The joint triangular cooperation project supports the provision of infrastructure to monitor risks and to forecast and manage emergency situations. It strengthens the Mozambican institutions INGC and the National Institute of Meteorology (INAM). The Mozambican partners INGC and INAM are responsible for the following: project coordination, provision of infrastructure and deployment of technical personnel, improvement of preventative and protective disaster management measures at the Buzi and Save rivers, quality and rapid diffusion of early warnings (INAM), carrying out evacuations and emergency relief (INGC). The Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) is responsible for allocating the Brazilian contributions and provides financial support for the construction of disaster management coordination centres. The specialised Brazilian institutions (DHN, INMET, National Water Agency, Agronomic Institute Campinas, University of São Paulo, Federal University of Alagoas) provide technical knowledge in the areas weather forecast, and flood and disaster prevention. The German technical cooperation (TC), specifically GIZ and Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD), collaborates with the partners in the areas of disaster prevention and management, with an emphasis on rural areas. From 2013 onwards the German contribution will intensify its support of municipalities in consolidating early warning systems and the use of information.





## Impact

The project contributes to establishing functioning early-warning and proficient disaster management systems at the Buzi and Save rivers in order to prevent casualties and to limit the economic damages caused by floods. The most important results achieved so far are the installation of automatic climatological and hydrological stations, the establishment of a

hydrometeorological database and technical training courses for engineers of the Mozambican National Institute for disaster Management (INGC) and the National Institute of Meteorology (INAM) in the fields of weather observation, maritime rapid alert systems, disaster management, etc.

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