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Good Financial Governance in Mozambique

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Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport of the State of Saxony

This project helps to achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Visit to the open-cast mine in Welzow

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Occupational Health and Safety in Mozambique's Mining Sector

Local situation

The abundance of raw materials in Mozambique offers significant potential for the development of the country. Countless new mining projects have been completed since 2005 and some are still ongoing. As activity has increased, so have the risks associated with mining, health and occupational safety. It is against this backdrop that the Government of Mozambique has made intensive efforts over several years to implement and enforce legislation designed to increase the role of the state in monitoring and approving mining activities. The country's accession to ILO Convention 176 (C176), or the Safety and Health in Mines Convention, is a significant step in this regard. To successfully implement ILO standards, however, Mozambique has a number of significant needs, including setting legal standings, acquiring specific administrative knowledge and implementing structural change.

“Consolidating our cooperation with our partners in Saxony through BLP supports us in ensuring that the mining sector in Mozambique complies with ILO C176 standards on occupational health and safety, and is a significant step forward in our economic development.”

Obete Matine,
General Inspector, Inspector General of Mineral Resources
and Energy of Mozambique



Handover of equipment

Cooperation arrangements

The State of Saxony has extensive know-how both in terms of mining and with the implementation of ILO C176, which has been in force in Germany since 1998. Saxony has a Raw Materials Strategy that refers explicitly to the state's willingness to share its mining-specific expertise and administrative experience with others. The main partners in Mozambique are the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy of Mozambique and its subordinate mining supervision authorities, the Inspector General of Mineral Resources and Energy (IGREME) and the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security. The partners in Saxony are the Saxon State Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport, and the Saxon Mining Office. The implementing specialist partner is the GKZ Freiberg, which is supplying the requisite technical knowledge and experts through its network.

What we are doing – and how

The project within the German Government and Federal States Programme (German: Bund-Länder-Programm; BLP) supports the implementation of ILO C176 in Mozambique by providing guidance in three key focal areas:

- Training and inspection methods for issuing blasting permits;
- Advice on responsibilities, standards and reporting;
- Recording and assessing the hazard potential of mining legacies.

The project thus builds on the activities of previous mining sector-based BLP projects involving Saxony and Mozam-

bique, uses a modular approach to enable partner countries to profit from Saxony's know-how and supports networking and information exchange between relevant institutions in Saxony and Mozambique. The aim here is to help ensure that Mozambique's mining sector implements and adheres to ILO C176 standards. The activities are carried out in Germany and Mozambique, and are carried out implemented in a hybrid format (both virtually and in-person).

Useful links

- TC programme Good Financial Governance in Mozambique:
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/31951.html>
- Raw materials strategy of the Federal State of Saxony:
<https://publikationen.sachsen.de/bdb/artikel/16194>
(in German)
- More information on the programme:
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/91262.html>
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/34949.html>
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en>
- Safety and Health in Mines Convention (ILO 176):
https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEX_PUB:12100:0::NO::P12100_INSTRUMENT_ID:312321

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