

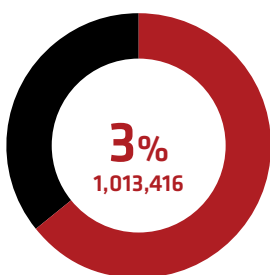


# Diaspora engagement mapping MOZAMBIQUE

## Facts & figures

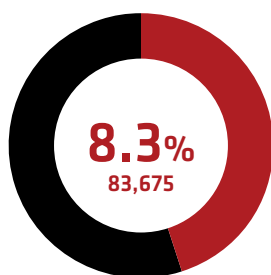
### Emigration

% of emigrants in total population



♂ 64.4%  
♀ 35.6%

% of which in the EU



♂ 44.9%  
♀ 55.1%



Remittances as a share of GDP: 1.7%  
Remittances inflow (USD million): 303



### Top countries of destination

South Africa	716,057
Zimbabwe	121,628
Portugal	71,421
Malawi	58,344
Tanzania	13,138

### Political rights



Dual citizenship<sup>1</sup>



Right to vote in national elections for citizens residing abroad<sup>2</sup>



Voting from abroad

At embassies/ consulates



## Mozambique does not have a diaspora engagement policy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation has recently announced the intent to draft a **National Diaspora Policy** to guide engagement with Mozambican communities abroad, but no further details have been provided to this effect.

<sup>1</sup> The 2004 Constitution allows for dual citizenship with the main restriction being that the President must hold only Mozambican nationality. Available online at: [https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Mozambique\\_2007](https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Mozambique_2007). However, the recognition of Mozambican citizenship may prove challenging given the confusion surrounding the legal framework in force. The 2004 Constitution does not repeal the 1975 Nationalities act. See, Patricia Jeronimo (2019). *Report on Citizenship Law: Mozambique* (Country Report, European University Institute, Global Citizenship Observatory). P.: 4. Available online at: <https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/62966>.

<sup>2</sup> According to the Voter Registration Law and the General Elections Law, Mozambican citizens who reside and have been registered abroad can exercise their right to vote at the Republic of Mozambique embassies and consulates. The sole criterion for the selection of the countries where external registration would take place was demographic – the existence in each country of a minimum of 1,000 legally registered Mozambican citizens. Available online at: <https://cconstitucional.org.mz/lei-eleitoral/>.



The investment milieu has been particularly affected by the volatile security context and exposure to natural disasters. Mozambique's Investment and Export Promotion Agency (APIEX) has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with INACE, for the creation of a platform publicising investment opportunities for Mozambicans residing abroad, but its implementation is not yet certain. Diaspora members and associations also participated in webinars and investment forums organised by APIEX.

In effect, the government appears intent on harnessing diaspora contributions more firmly, showing openness to dialogue despite overall low institutional coordination and a generally unstable climate.



### Achievements

The expansion of consular services permitting the issuance of criminal records (in certain countries) will facilitate the regularisation of work and residence for Mozambicans living abroad, most being dependent on such documents for the renewal of residence permits, job search or acquiring other nationalities. Pending the adoption of a Diaspora Policy, such initiatives indicate that Mozambique has made progress in facilitating dialogue and addressing, to some extent, salient issues for the diaspora.

### Obstacles



- **Lack of trust:** With an uninterrupted incumbency since (but also before) the first multiparty elections in 1994, the ruling party Frelimo has significant control over state institutions and electoral processes, undermining public trust. Widespread corruption and entrenched patronage networks could also deter members of the Mozambican diaspora and community representatives (those opposing the government) from engaging or participating in formal consultation bodies.
- **Regional instability:** In Cabo Delgado province, where significant resources and extraction infrastructures are concentrated, an ongoing insurgency has uprooted hundreds of thousands, resulting in a devastating humanitarian crisis. The conflict has impacted the country's economic potential, rendering the investment milieu unpredictable, which may also limit the capacity to channel diaspora contributions into development projects or productive use.
- **Lack of data:** Although the diaspora mapping exercise was launched in 2020, institutions do not publicise survey results, nor report progress on data collection efforts. Some diaspora organisations also contribute by disseminating registration forms and links to the official portal, but the levels of community outreach and uptake cannot be gauged.

## SPOTLIGHT: effective practices



### Diaspora Mapping (2020)

DATA,  
POLICY

The National Institute for Mozambican Communities Abroad (INACE) has launched a diaspora mapping initiative on behalf of the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation (MINEC). Paired with consultations, the exercise covers Africa, Europe and Asia and aims to inform the elaboration of a National Diaspora Policy.

CRISIS,  
PARTNERSHIP

### Together for Mozambique (2019)

The New York Portuguese American Leadership Conference (NYPALC), an association of 68 Portuguese organisations in New York State, and the Association of Mozambicans and Friends of Mozambique in France - AMAMOZ - launched a campaign to collect donations for the victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique.

## Annex:

# List of Actors

## Diaspora related institutions

- **National institutions**

- At ministerial level

### **Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation, MINEC, 1994**

The Ministry provides overall coordination for Mozambique's foreign policy and manages the relationship with the diaspora abroad through the network of embassies, consulates and honorary consuls. According to the latest statements, the Ministry will also spearhead the elaboration and implementation of a National Diaspora Policy, in coordination with other national ministries and agencies.

- At sub-ministerial level

### **National Institute for Mozambican Communities Abroad, INACE, 2004**

According to the official website, INACE (under the remit of MINEC) aims to promote and support Mozambican communities in the diaspora, individual emigrants as well as diaspora associations. INACE also conducts the diaspora mapping exercise and is tasked with institutionalising concepts, strategies and best practices for diaspora engagement.

## Diaspora organisations in Europe



### **Associação All Mozambi (Cultural Association of Mozambicans and Friends of Mozambique) 2013 Portugal**

- ☑ **Integration activities**

The association recently established its headquarters in Portimão, providing support to the Mozambican community, and assisting with the legalisation of documents and permits.

### **Associação de Naturais e Amigos de Moçambique, AANAM 2022 Portugal**

- ☑ **Integration activities**

Supports the social integration of Mozambicans in Portugal, and in cases of death also assists with funeral costs and the transfer of urns.

### **Associação dos Estudantes Moçambicanos em Portugal, AEMOP Portugal**

- ☑ **Integration activities**

Provides recreational/leisure activities and assists Mozambican students with social integration into Portuguese society. The organization has chapters in several locations across Portugal.

### **Associação Centro Cultural Luso Mocambicano** 2006 Portugal

#### **Integration activities**

The centre functions in areas of culture, international cooperation, social solidarity and education, and has as its main objective the integration of Mozambicans in Portugal “in defence of the practice of citizenship.” To support Qualimane Hospital in Mozambique, the association donated three ambulances. One of its main contributions focuses on organising annual exhibitions of Mozambican artists at the *Livio de Moraes House of Culture* (Sintra borough of Lisbon), the latter named after a Mozambican artist.

### **Association des Mozambicains et Amis du Mozambique en France** AMAMoz France

#### **Development activities**

#### **Integration activities**

The association aims to develop cultural exchanges and partnerships between France and Mozambique and to promote Mozambican culture in France. In partnership with Portuguese language umbrella organisations in the United States, the association successfully launched a transnational humanitarian campaign in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai.

### **Casa de Moçambique** 1988 Portugal (various locations, including Lisbon)

#### **Development activities**

#### **Integration activities**

The organisation promotes socio-cultural and economic ties between Portugal and Mozambique, assisting Mozambicans with integration into Portuguese society. The association also offered scholarships to Mozambican students in coordination with municipalities in Zambezia and Inhambane provinces.

### **Casa de Mozambique in the UK** United Kingdom

#### **Development activities**

#### **Integration activities**

Based on a local community information directory for Camden Borough, the association provides social opportunities, advice and support for Mozambicans living in the UK, as well as fundraising activities for causes in Mozambique.

### **Casa Xima** Portugal

#### **Development activities**

#### **Integration activities**

The association promotes the personal and social development of Mozambican women, and their active participation in society through training and social solidarity initiatives. In Mozambique, it supported the rebuilding of two primary schools in Zambezia and Inhambane provinces. The organisation also collaborates with the Portuguese Ministry of Justice in the social reintegration of prisoners.

## Círculo de Escritores Moçambicanos na Diáspora, CEMD Portugal

### ☑ Integration activities

The organisation promotes and publishes studies, and disseminates Mozambican literature.

## Friends of Vamizi Trust 2012 United Kingdom

### ☑ Development activities

Established by a group of families of both European and Mozambican origin, the initiative targets communities, marine conservation, and development in the coastal areas of the Indian Ocean (the Quirimbas Archipelago, Vamizi Island).

## Índico - Associação Cívica Moçambicana 2004 Portugal

### ☑ Integration activities

Promotes cultural values, awareness, and carries out activities that help connect the Mozambican diaspora with its country of origin, whilst safeguarding their rights abroad. The organisation operates in Porto and serves Mozambican communities across northern Portugal.

## Organização da Diáspora Moçambicana 2019 Portugal (with a presence in 35 countries)

### ☑ Development activities

The organisation carries out activities around the world, but mainly in Mozambique, where it leads sponsorship programmes for orphanages, funds scholarships for disadvantaged students enrolled in universities, and conducts humanitarian campaigns in the provinces of Cabo Delgado, Tete and Maputo, among other forms of support for the Mozambicans residing abroad.

## Organização da Mulher Moçambicana, OMM 1973 Portugal (chapters in multiple countries)

### ☑ Development activities

A political movement affiliated with the ruling party Frelimo, the organisation mobilises women around issues of interest and has a significant presence on social networks.

## Pastos Verdes 2005 United Kingdom, Mozambique

### ☑ Development activities

Founded by Lisa and Orlando Muerasse, of British and Mozambican origin respectively, the organisation provides pastoral support to local communities in Mozambique through faith-based education.

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