

IN BRIEF...

Swedish Cooperation in Mozambique

Mozambique is one of Sweden's largest cooperation partners, with a total annual grant disbursement of about SEK500m (approx. US\$60m). The overriding goal of Sweden's development cooperation with Mozambique during the 2002–2006 strategy period is to contribute to the reduction of poverty in the country. The Mozambican government's own poverty reduction strategy forms the basis for this cooperation.

The Swedish programme centres on three focus areas: Democratisation and democratic development, sustainable economic growth and social and human development.

Special emphasis is given to the province of Niassa in northern Mozambique where long-term multi-sectoral support is provided.

The areas receiving Swedish assistance are briefly presented below. Figures in brackets are expected disbursements for 2003.

Education

(SEK70m). Extensive measures were needed to construct a functioning educational system after the war. Sweden supports the implementation of the government's education sector plan (ESSP). The main focus of the ESSP is primary education, although adult, technical and secondary education are receiving increasing attention. Most of Sweden's assistance is channelled as a sector programme support through a pool fund together with

other donors. Support is also provided to the Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Research

(SEK30m). Since 1978 Sida/Sarec have supported the Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM) in Maputo. The support is directed both to the central administration and to research cooperation with the different faculties of the UEM.

Roads

(SEK110m). The support to the road sector is primarily directed at rural roads and bridges. Rehabilitation is made using labour intensive methods, thus providing employment opportunities to local residents. A major investment is the rehabilitation of the transversal main road EN242 in Niassa, linking Lichinga with the Cabo Delgado border. Sweden is also financing a provisional ferry connection across the Zambezi River.

Energy

(SEK60m). Sweden's focus in the energy sector is on supporting the expansion of rural electrification. Furthermore, Sweden is co-funding the Gurue-Lichinga transmission line, linking Niassa to the national grid. Swedish technical assistance also aims at rendering the Technical Department of the National Electricity Utility (EDM) more efficient. In addition, technical assistance is provided to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

Public administration

(SEK70m). Development and reform of the public sector are essential in order to create conditions for good governance, transparency and democracy. Sweden supports the Ministry of Planning and Finance in its efforts to develop systems for economic studies, accounting and internal audit. In the Ministry of Public Administration support is given to the decentralisation programme and to efforts to increase the professionalism of civil servants. Institutional support to the Supreme Audit Institution in Mozambique (Tribunal Administrativo) was initiated in 2000. Support is also provided to the National Statistics Institute (INE).

Agriculture

(SEK14m). The majority of the poor is dependent on agriculture for its survival. Sweden supports the sectoral programme Proagri at the Ministry of Agriculture in order to increase its services to rural areas. The programme includes, amongst others, agricultural research, extension services and the development of a system for property registration.

Culture

(SEK7m). The aim is to develop the capacity of the Ministry of Culture and its ability to support cultural activities as well as disseminating knowledge about the cultural heritage of Mozambique. Support is also directed towards the construction of cultural centres and to cooperation between cultural groups in Sweden and Mozambique.

Support for the province of Niassa

(SEK45m). The development programme for the province of Niassa was started in 1998. A substantial part of the general support to roads and energy is directed to this remote province. The specific provincial programme includes long-term support to the provincial public administration, a support programme for civil society as well as support for private sector development, including micro-credit and agricultural outgrower schemes.

Democracy and human rights

(SEK30m). A specific programme for the promotion of democracy and human rights was established in 2001. Support is provided in the areas of human rights, women's rights, conflict resolution and civic education. The programme is mainly implemented by civil society and the media.

Demining

(SEK8m). Since the war there are many land mines left in the ground. Sweden provides support for demining through the Norwegian People's Aid and UNDP. This support will be phased out during the strategy period.

Private sector development

(SEK8m). Private sector development is essential for poverty reduction since it contributes to growth and creates employment and income. Support is given to the National Standardisation Institute (INNOQ) and to the Confederation of Enterprises (CTA)

General budget support

(SEK100m). Mozambique's Poverty Reduction Strategy (PARPA) is supported by financial contribution to the state budget. This support is directed at expenditures in PARPA's priority sectors. The policy dialogue for this support is concentrated on reforms concerning poverty reduction, domestic resource mobilisation and state financial management.

HIV/AIDS

(SEK8m). The HIV/AIDS epidemic poses a severe threat to sustainable growth and development in Mozambique. HIV/AIDS related activities are integrated in projects and programmes supported by Sweden in all sectors. Furthermore, specific funding is given to programmes run by UN agencies and NGOs in the areas of prevention, care and support.

Swedish non-governmental organisations

(SEK15m). Several Swedish NGOs are active in Mozambique, working together with local partners. These include the Africa Groups of Sweden, the Swedish Red Cross, the Methodist Church, Diakonia and the Church of Sweden.

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