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Facts and Figures

- EC contribution: € 1.2 million (90% of total cost)
- Duration: November 2009 - October 2011
- Provinces of Sofala (Buzi and Nhamatanda) and Maputo (Marracuene)

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"Not only will producers in our communities increase their production through rehabilitated irrigation systems, better equipment, agricultural inputs, improved techniques and training, but they will also dedicate themselves more to agricultural production since we can increasingly witness the direct benefits for ourselves."

Mr Valdemar, Director Economic Activities and District Services, Marracuene District - SDAE



Context

Mozambique's agricultural sector has the potential to be the country's primary engine of overall growth. However at the moment the sector is characterized by low production and productivity. This makes Mozambique vulnerable to soaring food prices as it relies partly on food imports. With funding from the EU Food Facility, this project aims to help small-scale subsistence farmers to increase their supply and productivity and to make them less vulnerable to high food prices.

Objectives

- Improved food security and livelihood status of farmers in poor rural communities
- Increased agricultural production and commercialisation

Impact

- 14 small irrigation systems rehabilitated covering 350 hectares
- 5 warehouses and 20 silos (Gorongosa model) built resulting in improved storage conditions at the level of respectively associations and individual farmers
- 1 350 families (nearly 8 000 people) benefited from subsidized agricultural inputs (seeds and fertilizer)
- Improved tillage techniques and soil preparation
- Different courses organized concerning farming conditions, processing techniques and marketing

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Rice Production in Buzi

"We can greatly reduce women's physical efforts in rice cultivation, weeding, threshing and husking. This gives us the opportunity to devote the remaining time to other activities. This is particularly important for our 571 member association, since 92 are men and 479 are women. For example we used to dedicate nearly 45 minutes to polish the rice. But now with the threshing and rice husking machine, it just takes 5 minutes. We are proud to say that by having more time, training and better equipment we were able to increase our land production from 140 Hectares to 262 Hectares for the next agricultural season"



Mrs. Gomez, Chief of the 4^o Congresso Association, Búzi