



Save the Children

LET'S CHANGE THE FUTURE. NOW.

Save the Children's Mozambique Strategy 2022-2024



Together we can transform the future of Mozambique's children

Save the Children believes in a world where every child is healthy, safe and educated – playing, learning and looking forward to a future full of hope and opportunity. However, the impact of COVID-19, armed conflict, and the climate crisis have increased the vulnerability of many children in Mozambique in recent years. The world has never been wealthier, yet half of the children in Mozambique are deprived of their most fundamental rights, such as access to quality education, health care, good nutrition, and growing up in a safe environment.

Save the Children is the world's first and largest independent child rights organization with over 100 years of experience.

Save the Children started in Mozambique in 1986 at the height of the civil war with a focus on tracing the families of children who were separated during the conflict. Since then, we have dedicated our efforts on uplifting the country's most deprived children and their families, directly reaching more than 1.8 million Mozambicans annually through our development and humanitarian efforts.

We work - with and for children and child-focused organisations - and communities in Cabo Delgado, Gaza, Manica, Maputo, Niassa, Nampula, Tete and Zambezia provinces. We adopt a community and system strengthening approach, partnering with the Government of Mozambique, civil society, and private sector actors.

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

“I dream about a better Mozambique that protects children and supports their development”

– A Young MP, 14 years, from the Nampula Child Parliament

What we are building off

Building on our 30+ years' of experience in the country, under our last strategy 2019-21 despite the unprecedented challenges that hit the country, such as the devastating Idai and Kenneth cyclones, conflict in the north, and COVID-19, together with our partners and government, we gave children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn, and protection from harm. We directly supported 2.3 million children (51% girls) and 1.6 million adults (50% female) at community level and influenced national systemic policy changes, including on child marriage. Now is the time for us to launch from this.



Every day, 320 children under-five are lost to preventable and treatable diseases, such as malaria, respiratory infections and diarrhoea.



Nearly one-in-ten girls experience sexual violence before the age of 18.



Children are not learning. 1.2 million children are out of school. Six-out-of-ten girls never finish primary school.



Mozambique is the third most vulnerable country to disaster risks in Africa.



One-in-two girls are married before the age of 18 and 14% before 15. Most have had their first baby by the age of 19.



Total Population
31.26M



Child Population
16.12M (52%)



Human Dev. Index
0.456 [Rank 181/189]



Our Goals for 2022-2024

1. HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Under-five child morbidity and mortality from preventable diseases reduced.

- Maternal, infant, young child nutrition
- Child health
- Girls' sexual and reproductive health rights

2. EDUCATION

Vulnerable and crisis affected girls and boys access better quality early learning and basic education

- Early childhood care and development
- Basic education

3. CHILD PROTECTION

Child protection system prevents and responds to all forms of violence against girls and boys

- Child protection system strengthening
- Protection from violence
- Tackling child marriage

4. CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

Children and CSOs influence the government to monitor and report on the delivery of Child Rights commitments

- Monitoring and demanding child rights
- Public investment in children
- Good governance

5. CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RISK REDUCTION

Climate adaptation and risk reduction is community-driven and child centered

- Child sensitive social protection
- Food security and livelihoods
- Safe schools

How will we do this?



Champion children and local actors, elevate their voices and make decisions together



Leading-edge emergency preparedness and response



Use digital solutions, evidence and data to accelerate impact



Advance child-sensitive social protection, including cash and voucher programming



Foster local, creative and strategic partnerships to change public opinions, policies and laws

Now is our chance to change the future

This is our 2022-24 country strategy, that is built on our passion, expertise and unrelenting belief that every child deserves a future. This belief is at the heart of everything we do. **We know you share this too.**

We have developed this strategy through an inclusive process, working with children to ensure that it responds to where they feel their rights are most challenged in Mozambique. It lays out how we will accelerate and amplify impact with children. We will put the most deprived and marginalized children first. **Join us in protecting children's rights.**



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