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TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURE FOR JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE FAIR FOR ALL JOURNEY TO 2024

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**Transformative
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**Call to
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In 2024, CDD in collaboration with Oxfam Mozambique and NANA, spearheaded the transformative FAIR FOR ALL - PVP program, championing justice and sustainability in Mozambique's agricultural sector. This impactful initiative empowered over 200 smallholder farmers, uncovered 28 cases of human rights violations, trained 90 farmers in evidence collection, and strengthened 60 economic rights defenders. By advocating

for critical tax and trade reforms and fostering inclusive dialogue through multi-stakeholder platforms, the program amplified the voices of marginalized communities and reimagined agriculture as a beacon of fairness and resilience. CDD remains steadfast in its mission and invites all stakeholders to join hands in cultivating a more equitable and sustainable future for Mozambique's agriculture.



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDD), in collaboration with Oxfam Mozambique and NANA, has successfully implemented transformative activities in 2024 under the Pro-Poor Value Chains project. This initiative is part of the Power of Voices Partnership (PVP) FAIR FOR ALL program, led by Oxfam Novib and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The program's main objective is to restructure global trade and value chains to make them more equitable, inclusive and fair for all.

All actions undertaken were strategically aligned with the mission of empowering smallholder farmers and the agro-industrial sector, promoting rapid, inclusive and sus-

tainable economic growth in agricultural value chains. This transformative journey emphasized building knowledge on tax, trade and regulatory issues, integrating sustainability into all interventions. Beneficiaries included smallholder farmers, cooperatives and stakeholders in the agricultural value chain, enabling them to engage and advocate for necessary reforms more effectively.

The program increased local farmers' economic potential and amplified their voices in advocating for policy change. By identifying systemic challenges and proposing concrete reforms to tax and trade policies, the program laid the foundation for a reimagined agriculture sector — one centered on justice, human rights, and inclusion.

2. PROGRESS AND IMPACTS OF THE MAIN A CYCLES

To achieve the goal of improving competitiveness and fairness in the agricultural sector, CDD has implemented a series of impactful actions, bringing together public and private sectors and promoting multi-stakeholder collaboration. Key milestones achieved by 2024 include:

- **Mapping Human Rights Violations in Agriculture:** From this initiative, CDD identified 28 cases of human rights violations through economic rights in Zambézia alone. These cases were reported to the competent authorities, demonstrating a commitment to justice and the protection of the rights of agricultural workers.
- **Two (02) Training in Evidence Collection and Analysis:** In Zambézia, CDD trained over 90 local smallholder farmers in research methodologies and data analysis to document human rights violations. This initiative significantly strengthened the local capacity to monitor and address injustices.
- **A Workshop on Empowerment of Local Human Rights Defenders:** In the district of Mucuba, strengthened the capacities of 60 economic rights defenders in the agricultural sector through 2 targeted trainings and the establishment of a district-wide network of defenders.
- **Identifying Needed Reforms:** Through rigorous analysis, the project identified urgent tax and trade reforms. The lack of specific legislation for agricultural trade and the high tax burden in the agricultural sector were highlighted as critical barriers to sustainable growth.
- **Promoting Inclusive Participation:** To date, over 200 smallholder farmers have been integrated into the Mozambique Human Rights Defenders Network, expanding their role in policy dialogues and ensuring that their voices influence decision-making processes.
- **Establishment of a Multi-Stakeholder Advocacy Platform:** CDD facilitated the creation of a forum, bringing together civil society, government and the private sector on a semi-annual basis to jointly advocate for tax and trade reforms that benefit the agricultural value chain.
- **Raising awareness for resource mobilization:** The program emphasized the importance of redirecting revenues from high-profit sectors, such as extractives, to finance agricultural development. This focus was particularly on supporting women and smallholder farmers, often among the most vulnerable groups.



3. TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT



The FAIR FOR ALL - PVP project has made remarkable progress in empowering more than 200 smallholder farmers by 2024, providing them with the tools they need to engage with public authorities and ensure the transformation of the agricultural sector. Through a series of decisive actions, CDD has sought to improve competitiveness and fairness in the agricultural sector, promoting collaboration between the public and private sectors and encouraging joint work between different parts of society.

In 2024, the project reached important milestones that reflect the real impact on communities. One of the highlights was the mapping of 28 cases of human rights violations in Zambézia, identified in areas related to economic rights. These cases were promptly reported to the competent authorities, reinforcing CDD's commitment to ensuring justice and the protection of the rights of agricultural workers.

In addition, the project has provided more than 90 smallholder farmers with research and data analysis tools, enabling them to document and report human rights violations. This type of training has strengthened the local capacity to monitor and address injustices, contributing to greater autonomy and visibility of farmers in their communities. In the district of Mucuba, 60 local economic rights defenders have received specialized training, and a district-wide network to support farmers' rights has been created, which has become an active and organized presence in defending their causes.

One of the most important aspects of the project was the identification of tax and trade reforms that are essential to promote sustainable growth in the agricultural sector. The lack of specific legislation for agricultural trade and the high tax burden were identified as significant barriers, limiting the competitive-

ness of the sector. The project also worked to promote greater participation of smallholder farmers in policy-making spaces, integrating more than 100 of them into the Mozambique Human Rights Defenders Network, which increased their power to influence agricultural policies and necessary reforms.

In parallel, a multi-stakeholder advocacy platform was created, which brings together actors from civil society, government and the private sector every six months to advocate for reforms that benefit the entire agricultural value chain. This forum has become an essential space to discuss common solutions that promote a fairer and more inclusive sector.

Finally, the program also focused on the importance of redirecting revenues from more profitable sectors, such as extractives, to finance agricultural development, with a special focus on women and smallholder farmers, who are often the most vulnerable.

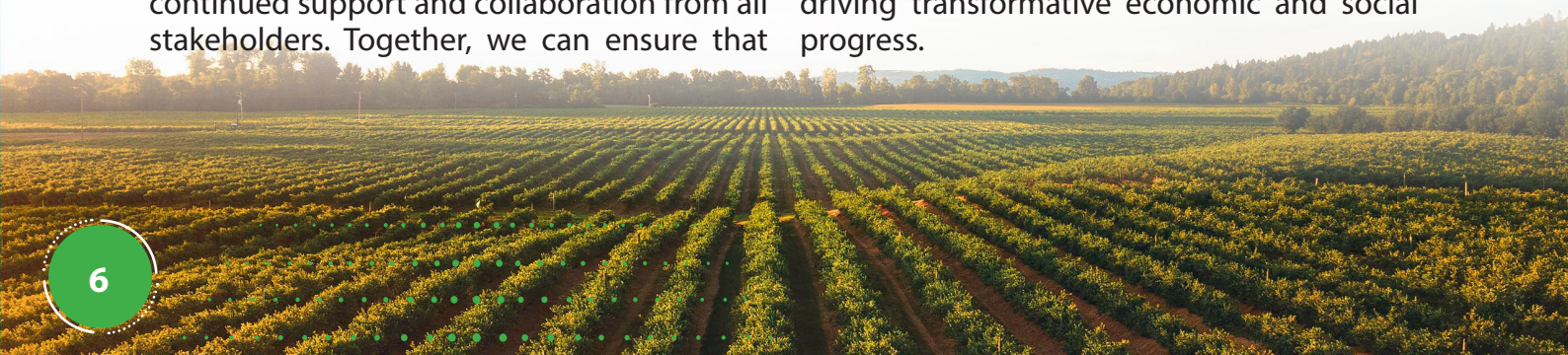
Thus, FAIR FOR ALL - PVP has not only succeeded in creating collaborative networks and giving visibility to the voices of those who are often left on the margins but has also driven forward profound and necessary reforms. The project has laid a solid foundation for building a more inclusive, sustainable and fair agricultural sector, which can benefit future generations of farmers and strengthen the country's economy.

4. CALL TO ACTION



As we move forward, CDD remains committed to building on these successes and invites continued support and collaboration from all stakeholders. Together, we can ensure that

agriculture in Mozambique becomes a symbol of justice, sustainability and resilience, driving transformative economic and social progress.





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