

SOLIDAR SUISSE MOZAMBIQUE



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Giving disadvantaged young people a chance through vocational training

Solidar Suisse is a Swiss non-profit organisation that is committed to achieving a socially, politically, and economically just society. It works on behalf of decent work, democratic participation, and human rights in the poorest countries of Africa and Latin America, as well as in threshold countries of Eastern Europe and Asia. Solidar Suisse also provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid. In Switzerland, Solidar Suisse is campaigning to raise public awareness of how our consumerism affects people in developing countries.

The programme supported by the Julius Baer Foundation facilitates access to basic or advanced vocational trainings for 410 disadvantaged young people. Of these, 85% receive basic vocational education and training (VET) lasting one to three years. The other 15% receive vocational advanced trainings lasting

several months in the areas of agricultural professions and in other areas such as construction, metalworking, and engineering. The project also strengthens the VET structures through infrastructural and material support as well as through staff support.

Creating qualified employees

Through Solidar Suisse:

- 40% of the beneficiaries will successfully be integrated into the labour market ensuring income for themselves and their families
- 97% of enrolled trainees finish the courses with good professional qualifications, demonstrating that VET institutes have improved their qualitative output through better-adapted infrastructure
- Closer cooperation between the involved VET institutes strengthens the VET structures and mechanisms and enables better intergration of trainees into the labour market





Faust Acacioa Ahmoço

3rd year student in the Professional Agricultural School of Marera (EPFR Marera), living in the Boarding School in Marera

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“I am looking forward to my graduation in less than a year from now, after which I will go back to work the patch of land my family owns in the District of Macate.” In the past 2.5 years, Fausto has learned about fertilisation and crop protection as well as the cultivation of vegetable crops such as cabbage, tomatoes, lettuce, etc. Food crop production is the most important agricultural sub-sector, accounting for around 80% of the cultivated area in Mozambique, while animal husbandry is an underdeveloped sector. The school has a herd of Jersey cows as well as broilers and laying hens. “When I get back home, I will put my knowledge to work. I like my work; it is a great privilege to be connected to the land. The land gives me and my family all we need to live well.”

Facts and figures: Mozambique

Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in Africa, despite its steady economic growth during the last few years (average 7.5%). Demographic data indicate that 45% of Mozambique's population is below the age of 15. The high proportion of young people combined with a weak formal labour market has produced a youth unemployment rate of 43% (source: UNDP). Mozambique's labour market is dominated by informality and working poor. From 2013 to 2016, Mozambique has fallen into a state of low-intensity civil war, especially in the central region where Solidar Suisse is operating. At present, the government and the main opposition party that triggered the conflict (RENAMO) are engaged in negotiations. Looking to the future, the

priority is to return to internal peace and ensure that economic growth is more inclusive and more equally distributed.

- Capital: Maputo
- Inhabitants: 26.5 million
- National poverty rate: 54.7%
- Languages: the official language is Portuguese; 43 other local languages are spoken
- Overall unemployment rate: 24.3% (2016)
- Population younger than 15 years: 45%
- Illiteracy rate: 49%
- Half of the population lives on less than \$1 a day

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“Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty. Education is not just for a privileged few, it is for everyone. It is a fundamental human right.”

Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations