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EDITORIAL

Welcome! We close 2015 with the third issue of **Mbeu**, the quarterly newsletter of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Mozambique. This was an eventful year for us; it marked the 70th anniversary of the Organization (p. 2), 40 years of FAO's service in Mozambique as well as the International Year of Soils (p.2). But not only this. 2015 was a year of change and progress at a global level: after the official launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September, the 21st Climate Conference (COP21) that took place in December, in the French capital, Paris, brought the unprecedented commitment of over 190 countries to keep global warming below 2°C. This agreement is of paramount importance for FAO, since, quoting the Organization's Director-General, José Graziano da Silva, "ridding the world of hunger cannot be separated from the need to curb the harmful effects of climate change on food security and nutrition".

Upon invitation from the Youth Parliament of Mozambique and the representation of the European Union in the country, FAOMZ participated in a discussion on climate change in the scope of the negotiations on the World Climate Agreement, reached at COP21. Moreover, in November, we signed, together with the Mozambique Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MASA) the project "Increasing the capacity of farmers to cope with climate change in order to obtain more food security through the Farmer Field School approach" (p. 5). Because of the impact climate change has on agriculture and food production, we dedicate our fun bit this time to this global phenomenon (p. 6).

This last quarter, in general, was full of activities for us. You can catch up on them on p. 4 – from our participation in the launch of the agricultural season by President Filipe Nyusi in the Province of Niassa to the opening of the 7th session of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC).

Finally, in the name of FAO in Mozambique, I wish you a happy 2016, a year that we hope will be marked by greater global attention to the issues of environmental sustainability and the development of more resilient production systems.

As always, we count on your comments and suggestions that you can send to faomozambique@fao.org.

Castro Camarada

FAO Representative in Mozambique



70th Anniversary of FAO

On 16 October, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) celebrated its 70th anniversary. The date also marks World Food Day, which has been observed every year since 1981 in over 150 countries, including Mozambique.

The aim of World Food Day is to raise worldwide awareness of food and nutrition security issues and the need to eradicate hunger in our lifetimes. This year's theme has been chosen to sensitize people around the globe to the role of social protection in the fight against inequality and vulnerability as well as hunger and poverty eradication, when included as a priority in development agendas. See more details on all of the events FAOMZ took part in to celebrate the date: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/340333/>

Maputo



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E. Macamo, from FAOMZ, moderating the event

SOFA launch and workshop on social protection and agriculture in Maputo

On 15 October, the first launch of the report on "The State of Food and Agriculture" (SOFA 2015) to take place in Mozambique saw the gathering of representatives of the public and private sectors, as well as from academia, cooperation partners and United Nations agencies. This year's SOFA report focuses on the direct role of social protection in the fight against poverty and hunger, as well as on its indirect contribution through the promotion of agricultural and rural development. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/338534/>

Manica



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Many participants were beneficiaries of the Sub-programme

FAO MDG1c Sub-programme holds public discussion on social protection and e-vouchers in Manica Province

FAOMZ held a public discussion entitled "Social Protection and Electronic Vouchers" in Chimoio, Manica Province. Linking the WFD theme "social protection and agriculture" with the upcoming rollout of the electronic voucher scheme - a significant component within the FAO MDG 1c Sub-programme and the first of its kind in Mozambique - the event was structured so as to inform beneficiaries on how this component will function and how it can be accessed. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/340041/>

Matola



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The medal presented to V. Papadakis, CFJJ Director, by C. Camarada, FAOMZ Representative

'70 Years of FAO' medal awarded to the Center of Legal and Judicial Training

FAOMZ held an award ceremony in the city of Matola, Maputo Province, in which the Center of Legal and Judicial Training (CFJJ) was honoured. Taking place within the ambit of FAO's 70th anniversary celebrations, CFJJ, an institution in the justice sector, was awarded a '70 Years of FAO' commemorative medal. The purpose of the medal is to recognize and honour institutions worldwide that have given an exceptional contribution and have worked with FAO consistently in the areas of its mandate. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/379272/>

FAO MDG1c Sub-Programme



What is the MDG1c Programme?

The overall objective of the MDG1c Programme is to accelerate progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goal 1c in Mozambique, that is, to reduce hunger and to improve food security and nutrition in the country. The European Union and the Government of Mozambique are financing the Programme, which has a total budget of €77 million and is being run from 2013 to 2018.

What is FAO's role?

FAO is one of three implementing agencies of the MDG 1c Programme. The other two are the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). The specific objectives of FAO's Sub-programme are to (i) enhance agricultural production; (ii) improve access to food, and; (iii) improve the nutritional status of vulnerable groups, in particular woman and children. The FAO Sub-Programme is being implemented in five provinces, namely in **Manica** (Manica, Gondola, Sussundenga and Bárue), **Sofala** (Nhamatanda, Búzi, Gorongosa and Maringuè), **Tete** (Angónia), **Zambézia** (Gúruè and Alto Molócuè) and **Nampula** (Malema and Ribaué).

See here for more information on the FAO MDG1c Sub-programme: <http://mdg1c.org/en/welcome/fao-sub-programme>

MDG1c ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Maputo & Manica

FAO MDG1c Sub-programme launches e-voucher scheme in Manica and Maputo provinces



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Beneficiaries holding their new e-vouchers

The official launch of the electronic voucher scheme took place in the District of Sussundenga, Manica Province on November 23, while a corresponding event was held two days later in the country's capital of Maputo. The launch of the electronic voucher is a step further in the implementation of the FAO sub-programme MDG1c, which aims to increase smallholders' and emerging farmers' access to improved agricultural inputs by providing them with temporary subsidies. It is expected that this will empower beneficiaries of the voucher, as they only pay part of the total amount of the products purchased at agro-dealers involved in the programme. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/356703/>

Maputo

FAO MDG1c Sub-programme holds workshop on home gardens and nutrition education



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A group shot of the workshop participants

FAOMZ MDG1c Sub-programme held a two-day workshop on the theme of Home Gardens and Nutrition Education. This workshop is the initial activity on the implementation of the sub-component of home gardens and nutrition education, with the purpose of mobilizing relevant stakeholders to share a common vision, strategy and framework for home garden and nutrition education activities. The event raised awareness about the FAO MDG1c sub-component on home gardens and nutrition education amongst key stakeholders at both district and national levels and paved the way for a consensus on a training and education package for the relevant activities in the areas of intervention. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/356879/>

Some highlights from FAO Mozambique this quarter

Niassa

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F. Nyusi greets FAOMZ Representative and Austrian Representative

FAO participates in the launch of the agricultural season in Mozambique

A formal launch of the agricultural season 2015/2016 led by the President of the Republic of Mozambique, Filipe Nyusi, took place in the Administrative Post of Maniamba, District of Lago, Niassa Province, on 30 October. The Representative of the FAOMZ, Castro Camarada, also attended the programme, which included a tree-planting ceremony, a visit to a horticultural farm and the launch of a project aiming to promote the use of the long-handled hoe, as well as a tour of an agricultural fair. See the full article at: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/342485/>

Maputo & Manica

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Talking about maternal and child health with women farmers at the FFS in Boane (D. Phiri second from left)

FAO Subregional Coordinator for Southern Africa visits Mozambique

The FAO Subregional Coordinator for Southern Africa, David Phiri, paid an official visit to Mozambique in October. In the three days he spent in the country, Phiri attended the opening of the 7th session of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC), visited a project by the Mozambique representation and held high-level meetings with the Mozambican government. According to the FAOMZ Representative, Castro Camarada, the visit of the Subregional Coordinator was "doubtless an important one", since it "presented an opportunity of showing FAO's work in Mozambique". See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/338617/>

Maputo

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23 delegates of the member states attended the 7th session of SWIOFC

Opening of the 7th Session of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)

The seventh session of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) took place in October in the Mozambican capital, Maputo. The SWIOFC Secretary, Aubrey Harris, welcomed the guests, who included the delegates of the member states of the Commission, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations, as well as observers at the opening session in the morning. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/338537/>

Maputo

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FAOMZ Representative C. Camarada speaking at the workshop

FAO and OMR hold technical workshop on International Year of Soils

FAOMZ and the Rural Observatory (OMR) held a technical workshop on soils in November, at which different interested actors gathered, including farmers associations, the public and private sectors involved in agriculture and natural resources management, academics as well as cooperation and diplomatic partners. 2015 was declared International Year of Soils (IYOS) by the 68th General Assembly of the United Nations. The aim of IYOS is to raise awareness amongst civil society and political decision makers on the importance of soils in assuring food security and in the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/345227/>

INTERACTING

Mozambique and Malawi share experiences on the FAO and WFP joint programme of local purchases from smallholders



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Some of the participants of the workshop

Between 9 and 13 November, Mozambique hosted a knowledge sharing workshop with Malawi on the Purchase from Africans for Africa (PAA Africa) programme. Programme beneficiaries, FAO and WFP officers as well as representatives of civil society and both governments gathered at the event. For four days, they discussed their own experiences in the harmonization of the agricultural production of smallholder farmers with school feeding in the region. The workshop ended with several experience sharing sessions on local food purchase, in an effort to identify common challenges, complementary points and opportunities to reach the main objective of promoting food and nutrition security. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/345234/>

PROJECTS UPDATE

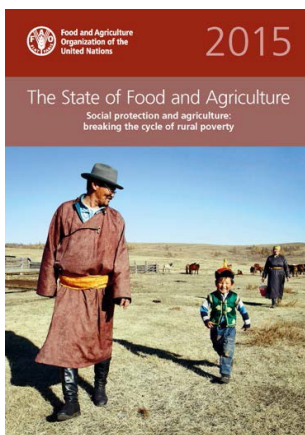
Read about the latest project on climate change supported by FAOMZ

The project, called “Increasing the capacity of farmers to cope with climate change in order to obtain more food security through the Farmer Field School approach” will support at least 80 000 farmers through an established network of 3 200 Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) to develop and implement new approaches and practices, including the provision of genetic material of plants to increase resilience to climate change. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/mozambique/news/detail-events/en/c/358107/>



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The new project will continue for 4 years



The theme of this year's SOFA is 'Social protection and agriculture: breaking the cycle of rural poverty'

PUBLICATION

This edition of *The State of Food and Agriculture* (SOFA 2015) makes the case that social protection measures will help break the cycle of rural poverty and vulnerability, when combined with broader agricultural and rural development measures. SOFA 2015 was officially launched in Maputo by FAOMZ Representative, Castro Camarada, and the Deputy Leader of the Strategic Programme on the Strategic Objective 3 – Reduction of Rural Poverty at FAO, Maya Takagi. Many developing countries increasingly recognize that social protection measures are needed to relieve the immediate deprivation of the poorest and to prevent others from falling into poverty when a crisis strikes. See more here: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/2015/en/>

COP21, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FAO

The 21st Climate Conference (COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change took place **from 30 November to 11 December**. The result of this important event was to achieve the unprecedented commitment of over 190 countries to keep the **average global temperature rise below 2°**

HELP! WE NEED YOU!

FAO takes the threat of climate change seriously. A new FAO report on 'The impact of disasters on agriculture and food security' demonstrates that natural hazards - particularly extreme weather events - regularly impact heavily on agriculture and hamper the eradication of hunger, poverty and the achievement of sustainable development. Below we have some **word-scrambles** for you to unravel and **blanks in the report** extract for you to fill in. But you can do more: FAO has a new YUNGA Climate Challenge to enable children of all ages to be pro-active on this important issue! See the full Challenge manual here <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5216e.pdf>

These 3 disasters triggered by climate change have risen in frequency and severity over the last three decades, increasing the damage caused to the agricultural sectors of many developing countries and putting them at risk of growing food insecurity.

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FAO Director-General, José Graziano da Silva, has commented that this year alone, small-scale farmers, _____, _____ and _____ - from Myanmar to Guatemala and from Vanuatu to Malawi - have seen their livelihoods eroded or erased by these disasters.

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Let's Talk numbers...

Below are 2 extracts from FAO's report 'The impact of Disasters on Agriculture', published just before COP21 in November. Can you fill in the blanks?

Worldwide, between _____ and _____ - the period analysed in the study - the average annual number of disasters caused by all types of natural hazards, including climate-related events, almost doubled since the _____. The total economic damage caused is estimated at _____.

Drought has an especially detrimental impact - around _____ of production losses - on agriculture in Sub-saharan Africa where the sector on average contributes to _____ of GDP, rising to a half when agribusiness is included. At a conservative estimate, total crop and livestock production losses after major droughts were equivalent to more than _____ between 1991 and 2013 in the region.

\$1.5 trillion

\$30 billion

2003 and 2013

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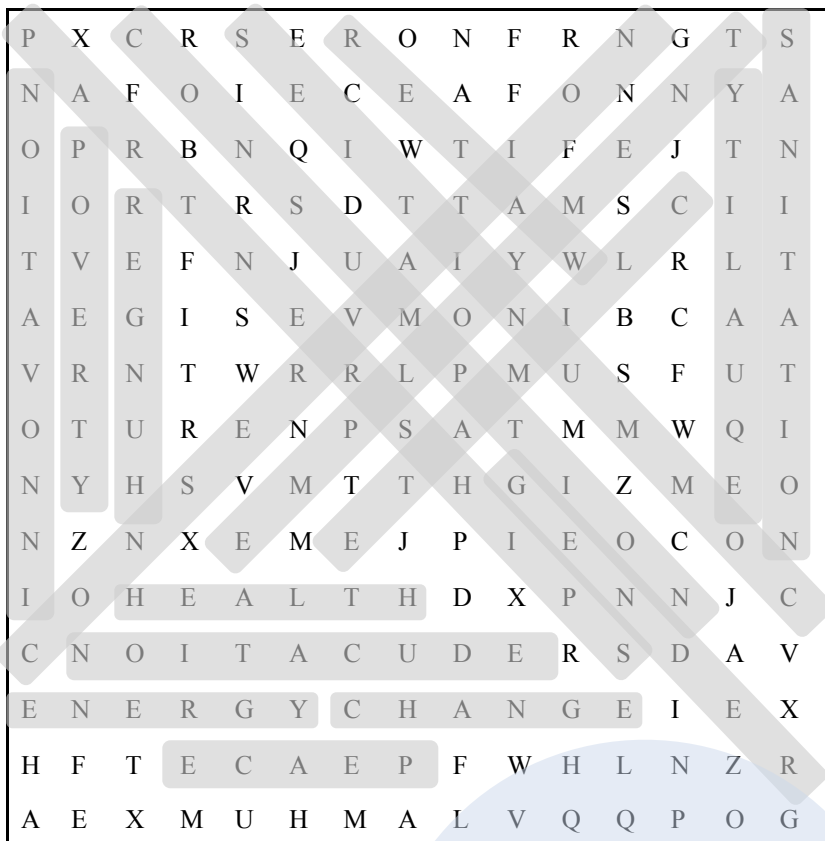
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QUEST FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



In our previous issue we created a word-search in honour of a momentous event within the United Nations — and worldwide. In late September, the UN General Assembly agreed to a set of Sustainable Development Goals (see <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1300> for more info), which will replace the Millennium Development Goals. If you accepted the challenge to attain all 17 goals, see the key below for the answers.



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| POVERTY | SANITATION | CONSERVATION |
| HUNGER | PEACE | CONSUMPTION |
| HEALTH | INNOVATION | COMMUNITIES |
| EDUCATION | EQUALITY | EMPLOYMENT |
| ENERGY | WATER | CLIMATE CHANGE |
| GENDER | PARTNERSHIPS | |