



# IMPROVING FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN HOUSEHOLDS IN MOZAMBIQUE

Low levels of food production, low incomes, a lack of diversification in diets and limited access to health and nutritional practices are among the key factors hindering the achievement of food and nutrition security in Mozambique. The operationalization programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security's Agricultural Extension Master Plan underlined the need to follow the methodological scale leading to the establishment of Farmer Field Schools. There was also a need to ensure closer monitoring of Farmer Field School activities, as well as to strengthen the quality of facilitators and the provision of technical supervision.



## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

With a view to improving Farmer Field School methodology in Mozambique, the project aimed to strengthen the national institutional capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, in particular the National Directorate for Agricultural Extension and extension bodies at all levels.

Specifically, it aimed to elaborate the Farmer Field School National Action Plan, increase the critical mass of field school Master Trainers and establish a large number of farmer groups through Farmer Field School methodology.

## IMPACT

Extension workers from the Government are better equipped with the appropriate tools and knowledge to carry out their tasks in the field. On the assumption that the 30 master trainers trained during the project will continue to be engaged with the Ministry and in training extension workers, this learning process will have a multiplier effect.

The development of the Action Plan for the consolidation and expansion of the Farmer Field School methodology in the country will also ensure that the Ministry, in particular the National Directorate for Agricultural Extension, takes ownership and responsibility for the follow-up actions included in this plan.

## KEY FACTS

### Contribution

USD 1 000 000

### Duration

November 2017 – June 2018

### Resource Partner

Government of Mozambique

### Partner

National Directorate for Agricultural Extension

### Beneficiaries

Smallholder farmers, women and children

## ACTIVITIES

- Farmer Field School National Action Plan elaborated, reviewed and endorsed by the National Directorate for Agricultural Extension.
- Three technical workshops to review and validate the National Action Plan were conducted in Maputo, with the participation of people from different technical services related to Farmer Field School activities from all over the country.
- Three-month training course held for 30 master trainers (8 women and 22 men) in Gondola District, Manica Province.
- 159 extension officers trained as Farmer Field School facilitators.
- Trainees provided with a kit of basic stationery materials with which to make their future work operational.
- 186 Farmer Field School groups established in 15 districts spread across the provinces of Tete, Nampula and Zambézia.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### Project Code

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### Project Title

Strengthening national capacity for implementation of Farmer Field Schools Methodology

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