



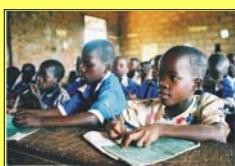
Mozambique

Overview

Mozambique's Poverty Observatory & Program Aid Partnership have improved interaction, decision-making & M&E of poverty reduction by government, civil society & international organizations, & have strengthened linkages among planning, budgeting & monitoring at all levels.



"Promotion of better welfare does not have limits, and therefore, our fight against poverty must never waver." – Armando Emilio Guebuza, President of The Republic of Mozambique



Education is essential to accelerate economic growth and expand the quantity and quality of human capital.

Highlights

- The Government of Mozambique (GoM) established in 2003 the Poverty Observatory—a consultative forum for Government, civil society & international partners to discuss poverty reduction issues
- The Poverty observatory uses the principles of mutual transparency, reciprocal accountability, & democratic dialogue to improve policy-making
- All formal performance assessments are done jointly by the GoM & Program Aid Partners, not just bilaterally
- The GoM & 18 development partners apply the Paris Declarations at the country level

Results

- The Poverty Observatory & the Program Aid Partnership have improved planning & monitoring by generating fruitful dialogue & harmonized actions among all stakeholders
- Performance-based financing for poverty reduction has increased aid effectiveness & country "ownership" of the development process



Women are key players for improving communities' socio-economic well-being. Improving women's status may well be the most efficient and effective investment in the fight against poverty.

Lessons Learned

- Stakeholder participation is essential for increasing the efficiency, effectiveness & national "ownership" of the poverty-reduction strategy
- Linking public-sector financing & performance measures is also crucial to improving aid effectiveness
- For maximum effectiveness, donor financing systems should rely on country systems, not undermine them

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