



WB-P514199

Jobs, Social Cohesion and Community Resilience in Northern
Mozambique - Phase I



Quick Facts

Countries	Mozambique
Specific Location	Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa provinces
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-06-18
Borrower	Government of Mozambique - Ministry of Planning and Development
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Infrastructure, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 100.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 100.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to strengthen community engagement, improve economic inclusion, and increase access to resilient infrastructure in Targeted Areas of Northern Mozambique.

The project will be the first operation of an MPA, conceived to allow scalability of World Bank support for local development in rural northern Mozambique. The program design envisages two simultaneous phases implemented over an eight-year period. The phases will address three key development needs of rural northern Mozambique communities that are impacted by fragility: social cohesion, access to economic opportunities, and access to resilient infrastructure. These will be achieved by revitalizing forums for dialogue between the northern provinces, within communities, and between communities and the state, supporting a cash transfer program for vulnerable households, supporting youth upskilling and SME development, providing GBV and psycho-social support services, building systems for community participation in local development, enhancing the capacity of local government for better planning and efficient service delivery, and investing in priority community and public infrastructure.

Both phases will be implemented in the three northern provinces of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Niassa. This US\$100 million IDA Phase I operation will develop and remobilize foundational regional, province, and district-level dialogue forums, while local economic development activities and community infrastructure and basic service planning activities and investments will concentrate in selected 80 localities across the provinces' 56 districts and public infrastructure will be concentrated in 10 districts of Cabo Delgado province. A US\$150 million IDA Phase II operation will deepen local development systems and capacities and make sure they are sustainable while developing community and public infrastructure and services in additional localities according to readiness criteria.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The environmental risk of the project is rated **Substantial**. Although the project will finance primarily small-scale community and public infrastructure works—these activities will take place across a broad geographic area affected by fragility and limited institutional presence. Potential environmental risks include soil disturbance, erosion, improper disposal of construction debris and solid waste, localized air and noise emissions, interference with natural drainage patterns, and risks related to material sourcing, particularly where contractors may rely on unregulated borrow areas or quarries. In addition, the project may involve the rehabilitation or installation of small water supply systems, which could generate risks related to water quality, wastewater management, and resource efficiency. Occupational health and safety (OHS) risks are expected during community works and small-scale construction activities, especially given the likely use of local labor, variable contractor capacity, and existing gaps in OHS management across public works agencies. Community health and safety risks may arise from increased traffic and movement of construction materials, inappropriate site demarcation, or insufficient management of work areas in densely populated village environments. While the project is not expected to support activities in protected areas or critical habitats, some subprojects may be located near wetlands, seasonal streams, or modified natural habitats.

The social risk of the project is rated **Substantial**. The project will operate in areas deeply affected by fragility, conflict, displacement, and weak state presence. Key social risks include: (i) labor risks, related to the use of local labor in community works, uneven contractor capacity, and potential gaps in enforcing labor management requirements, occupational health and safety (OHS) practices, and worker grievance mechanisms; (ii) SEA/SH risks, which are elevated in FCV settings characterized by displacement, weakened social protection systems, and limited availability of survivor support services. Labor-intensive public works and increased interaction between workers and communities may heighten these risks if not proactively managed; (iii) community health and safety risks, including localized hazards around worksites, increased movement of construction materials, and potential exposure of communities—particularly women and children—to unsafe construction areas; (iv) exclusion risks, whereby vulnerable groups such as IDPs, returnees, unemployed youth, female-headed households, and remote communities may face barriers to accessing project benefits or participating meaningfully in planning processes, given uneven local government presence and variable community governance structures; and (v) security risks, linked to ongoing insurgent activity in parts of Cabo Delgado and select districts of Nampula and Niassa, which may affect consultations, supervision, continuity of activities, and safe engagement with communities. At this stage, land acquisition needs have not been defined.



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US\$ 100.00 million

IDA Grant: US\$ 100.00 million



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Jobs Social Cohesion and Community Resili](#)
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\)](#)
- [Climate Finance Assessment \(P514199\)](#)
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Northern Mozambique Social Cohesion and Com](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Jobs Social Cohesion and Community Resilience in N](#)
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- [Environmental and Social Management Framework \(ESMF\) Northern Mozambique Social Cohesion and Communi](#)
- [Mozambique - EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA- P514199- Jobs, Social Cohesion and Community Resilience in](#)
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- [Mozambique - First Phase of the Jobs, Social Cohesion and Community Resilience in Northern Mozambiqu](#)
- [Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Grant E6990-MZ.pdf](#)
- [Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Grant E6990-MZ.pdf](#)
- [Record of Approval on an Absence of Objection Basis on June 18, 2026](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Jobs Social Cohesion and Community Resilience in Northern Mozamb](#)
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