

## RBAs Webinar on Sustainable Food Value Chains for Nutrition

Case Study: Mainstreaming nutrition sensitive interventions in Mozambique - the Rural Markets Promotion Programme - PROMER

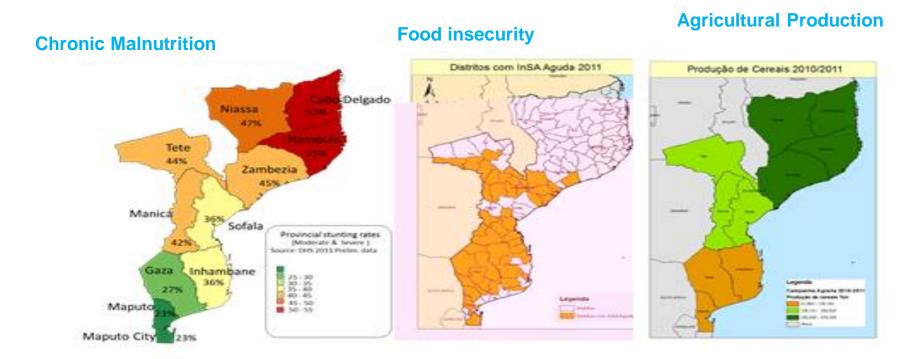
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#### NUTRITION SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE



Chronic Malnutrition - 43%; Anaemia prevalence - 64% < 5years; WRA -54%

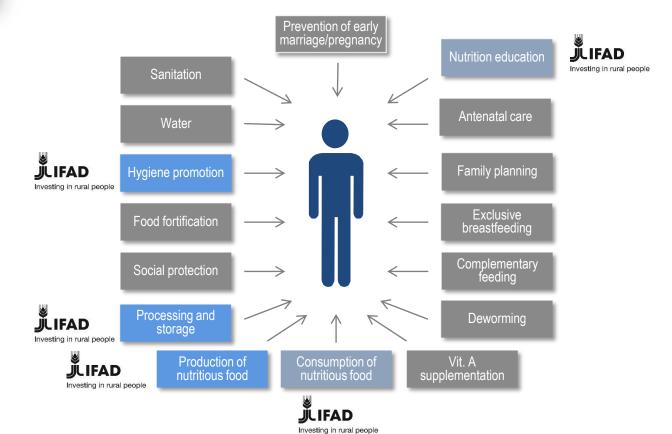
<u>Country Vision:</u> To accelerate country efforts to reduce chronic under nutrition to 35% by 2020 and contribute to the development of a healthy and productive Mozambican society.

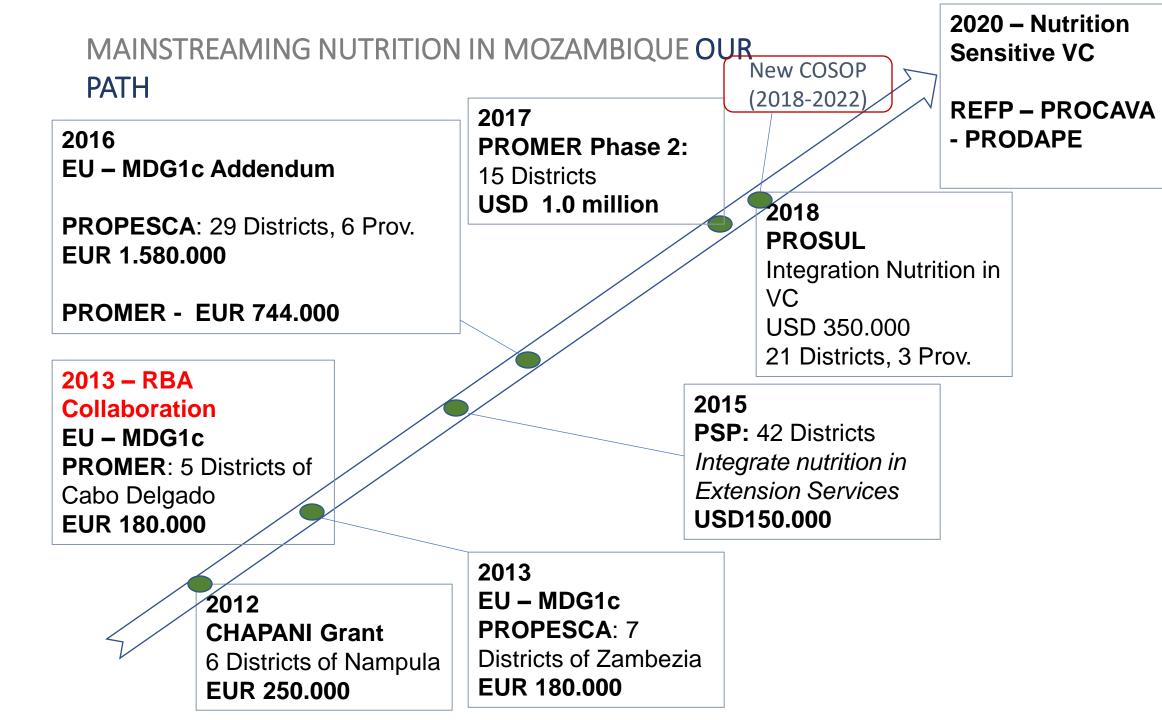
#### POLICY AND STRATEGIC APPROACH



Multi-sectorial Plan for Reduction of Chronic Malnutrition (PAMRDC)

#### **Core nutrition actions**







2012 1 Province 6 Districts EUR 250.000

2013 ODM1c – RBAs joint intervention

2019
9 Provinces
67 Districts
EUR 2.4m
24.000 beneficiaries



#### REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE MINISTÉRIO DA AGRICULTURA E DESENVOLVIMENTO RURAL



Programa de Promoção de Mercados Rurais

#### **Objectives and target Group**

Goal: Improve the livelihoods of the poor rural households by enabling small-scale farmers to increase their incomes from agricultural activities through marketing their surpluses more profitably.

 Target group: small scale farmers; rural traders



#### PROMER traditional interventions

Originally designed to address the main problems in different value chain segments, but without any specific nutrition lens

**Input Supply** 



**Processing** 

Marketing





- **Facilitating** linkages between RT and input suppliers
- Access to inputs, fertilizers



- Capacity building of FO in:
- **Production** planning
- Extension
- Post harvest technologies
- Capacity building of
- Demonstration fields for improved technologies



- Promotion of small scale value addition activities -MG facility for FO and RT
- Support the development of agribusiness processing capacities

- Capacity building of
- **FO and RT (Contracts) Promotion of market**
- linkages with VC leaders
- ✓ Rehabilitation of access roads and market infrastructures
- √ Facilitating access to finance
- √ Facilitating access to market information

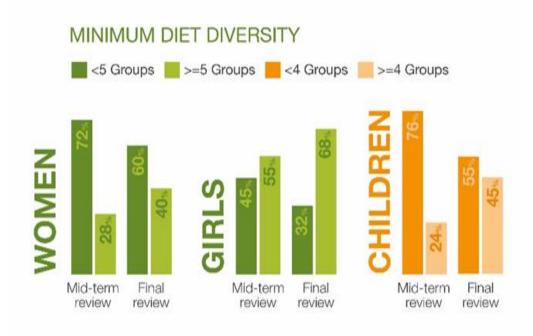
# Phase 1 (2014-2018): Nutrition Education component EU-MDG1c funding

- □ Focused on the end of the VC (consumption/Demand Side)
   □ Stand alone project within the PROMER intervention area
   □ Targeted (3000) women of reproductive age, children under two years and adolescents in Cabo Delgado province with high burden of malnutrition.
   □ Entry points- Farmer's organizations (FOs) and schools
   □ Activities promoted
- b. Cooking demonstrations sessions with women's support groups and community leaders, school children and teachers

a. Nutrition awareness

c. Establishment of community and school gardens and nutrition messages through community radios

#### **EU- MDG 1c Impact results**



- a) 40% of women of reproductive age(WRA) and 68% of adolescent girls (11-18) years and 45% of children 6-23 months achieved adequate level of micronutrient intake/ minimum dietary diversity.
- b) Nutrition knowledge and methods improved in targeted families

PROMER achieved the MDG1c nutrition component outcome indicator target, but further support is required to improve the consumption of food groups rich in iron, vitamin A and zinc.

Ref: IFAD MDG1c Result 16: Nutrition Promotion Component

Lessons from design, implementation and potential for scale up.

#### Lessons and insights from phase 1

- Nutrition education implemented as a stand-alone component and focused in the end of the VC, has limited the results and impact. PROMER interventions offers a wide range of opportunities for nutrition outcomes.
- Investing in the understanding of how key project decision makers perceive
  what nutrition is, how it benefits their investments and what it takes to
  incorporate nutrition interventions is key.
- Do not transform project teams into nutrition experts but allies/advocates.
- Strengthen teams' functional competencies in nutrition action.

## Phase two (2019 to present) Nutrition sensitive value chains approach

- Main issue to be addressed: How markets linkage program can deliver positive nutrition outcomes to smallholder farm families while aiming for income increase from production.
- Use of Nutrition sensitive value chain approach
- Provided technical and functional skills to project teams frontlines through on-the job tailor made training on nutrition sensitive programing.
- Make the most of out of the gains on nutrition awareness (phase 1) and focus on increasing further nutritious food production(micronutrient rich and nutrient dense) within the FO value chains and utilization of nutritious food.
- Developed support materials and guidance notes to support each component mainstream nutrition within their activities.
- Carried out a baseline survey, revised the project indicators and added appropriate SMART indicators to measure nutrition sensitivity in market promotion project.

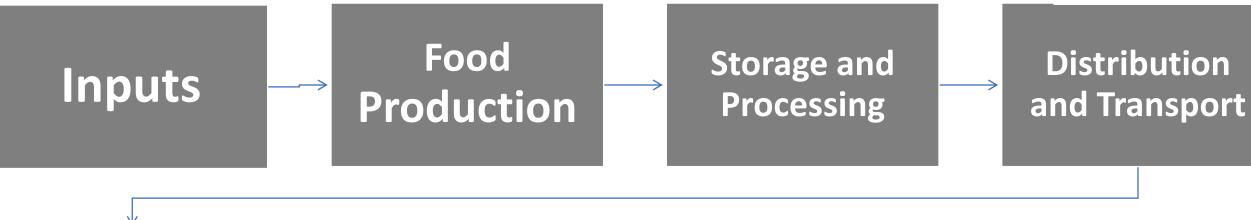


#### **Nutrition Sensitive Value Chains**

NSVC Approach- identifying and leveraging opportunities to enhance supply and demand of specific foods as a way to address the target population's nutrition problems

#### Supply





Trading and Marketing

**Promotion** 

Preparation and Consumption





#### PROMER VC Nutrition Sensitive Activities (Supply Side)

#### Inputs

- Promotion the sale of dark green leafy vegetables seeds and other vegetables seeds rich in vitamin A and Zinc – including Bio-fortified orange-fleshed sweet potato (OFSP)
- Promotion of improved varieties, early mature, and use of organic fertilizers and pesticides

## Food **Production**

- Awareness sensitization sessions of selected nutritious dense commodities at FO district and provincial meetings, rural traders and agribusiness
- Promotion of Nutrition Sensitive Extension

## Storage and Processing

- Investments in Safe Storage Warehouses and other Infrastr.
- Processing of fortified maize flours (Rural Fortification)
- Promote sesame, ground nut and soya oil processing

#### PROMER VC Nutrition Sensitive Activities (Supply Side) – Cont.

# Distribution and Transport

- Rehabilitation of more than 700km of feeder roads with access to key production centers;
- Investments in transport means
- Creation of diversified distribution channels

## Trading and Marketing

- Construction of safe Wholesale and retail markets
- Support the packaging and labelling of products
- Ensure the signing of future contracts between FO and RT

#### **PROMER VC Nutrition Sensitive Activities (Demand Side)**

#### **Promotion**

- Nutrition Education (Food Groups, diet diversification, etc.)
- Home Gardens
- SBCC Social Behavioral Change Communication
- Nutrition in Rural/Local Radios with local languages programs
- Include key messages on diet diversification, gender & CC adaptation strategies

## Preparation and Consumption

- Cooking Demonstration Sessions
- Good Hygiene Practices
- Food Processing and conservation

#### Conclusions

- ☐ The Project went from:
- 1. A markets linkages programme with no nutrition focus
- 2. A market linkages programme with a nutrition component focused in the last segment of the value chain segment (demand)
- 3. A nutrition sensitive market linkages programme, with nutrition sensitive activities in both supply and demand sides.



Figura 1- Preparação de papas enriquecidas (farinha de milho com amendoim e ovos no distrito de Mecanhelas na associação de Nicotihe)



Figura 2-Preparação sopa enriquecida de legumes no distrito de Metarica na associação Ámen.



Figura 3-Preparacao de caldeirada de Batata-Doce de Polpa Alaranjada no distrito de Cuamba na associação de Titimane.



Figura 4-Milho seco e limpo pronto para o celeiro (CR Xavier Nloco/Titimane-Cuamba)



Figura 5-Enchimento do celeiro tipo gorongosa (OP Makha/Namicunde-Metarica)



Figura 6 e 7- Processo de introdução de pastilhas de fosforeto de alumínio no celeiro através de bambú (OP Makha/Namicunde-Metarica)

### Thank you!!