



## Context

In recent years, Mozambique has enjoyed impressive growth rates, albeit with an over-reliance on coal and aluminum exports. Still, the domestic small and medium-sized enterprises are lagging far behind and require human resources with the capacity to leverage this growth, especially in rural areas where 62% of the population live. To address this situation, the Government of Mozambique embarked on an ambitious education plan to better prepare young people for entrepreneurial activities and trigger a nationwide bottom-up economic growth process to reduce poverty.

## Strategy

In 2007, with technical assistance from UNIDO and funding from the Government of Norway, the Ministry of Education and Culture introduced the Entrepreneurship Curriculum Programme (ECP) in secondary and vocational schools throughout the country. The programme aims at encouraging the development of entrepreneurial attitudes and skills.

UNIDO assisted the Government in developing an entrepreneurship curriculum with syllabus, teacher's guides, textbooks, monitoring and evaluation tools, as well as assessment guidelines. Once in school, the students learn to identify businesses opportunities with growth potential in their community and assess resources that can be mobilized within their environments. Students also learn in theory and practice how to set up and manage a business and make savings. UNIDO further conducted a training of pre-service and in-service teachers to facilitate the nationwide rollout of the curriculum.

## Current results

- 255 schools are currently implementing the programme
- 1,521 teachers have been trained
- 240,000 students are taking the course, 47% of them female
- 52,300 students have graduated so far
- 85% of the students have acquired entrepreneurial skills
- 225 instructors trained to train pre-service teachers
- Equal representation between boys and girls in starting small business activities
- Students from rural and urban areas show equal commitment to the course

## Impact/Outlook

Entrepreneurship education plays an important role in developing attitudes, skills and knowledge that will enable young boys and girls to generate their own income, create jobs for others, as well as contribute to the economic growth of the country. Due to ECP's very positive impact, the Ministry of Education and Culture has integrated the programme into the formal national education strategy and will implement it nationwide.

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## At a glance:

<b>Goal:</b>	Entrepreneurship development for youth
<b>MDG:</b>	1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger 3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
<b>Thematic area:</b>	Poverty Reduction through Productive Activities
<b>Donor:</b>	Government of Norway
<b>Partner:</b>	Ministry of Education and Culture of Mozambique
<b>Budget:</b>	USD 2,300,000
<b>Status:</b>	ongoing
<b>Duration:</b>	2007-2012