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## Horti-Sempre Phase 2, Nacala Corridor in Northern Mozambique

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## Overview

### General Information

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| <b>Overall goal</b> | The overall objective of Horti-Sempre is to increase the annual net income of 25,000 smallholders by 30% against baseline by supporting the growth of the horticultural sector in Northern Mozambique in view of its proven importance as income creator. |
| <b>Country</b>      | Mozambique  |
| <b>Budget</b>       | 6'500'000 CHF   |
| <b>Duration</b>     | 01/2017 - 12/2020 (48 months)   |

### Summary

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| <b>Description</b> | The overall objective of the Horti-Sempre Phase 2 Project is to increase smallholder's annual net income by 30% against baseline by supporting the growth of the horticultural sector in Northern Mozambique in view of its proven importance as income creator. To fulfil its mission and reach the overall objective, Swisscontact proposes for Horti-sempre Phase 2 a logic of intervention based on three main Outcomes that unfold around three main project components namely (1) inputs and practices, (2) irrigation and (3) sector competitiveness. OUTCOME No 1: Productivity of horticultural smallholders in the Nacala Corridor in Northern Mozambique increased OUTCOME No 2: Horticultural smallholders in the Nacala Corridor in Northern Mozambique increased their area under irrigation OUTCOME No 3: Market responsiveness and competitiveness of the horti-cultural sector in Northern Mozambique is increased The three components will be complemented with two transversal topics: Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) throughout the different interventions and through special women targeted interventions and Access to existing funding options. Based on experience from Phase 1, Swisscontact believes that Horti-Sempre Phase 2 has the potential to reach 10'000 semi-commercial and 15'000 subsistence male and female smallholders in Northern Mozambique increasing their income by up to 30%. |
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### Sectors of Intervention

Agriculture  
Rural development

Food security  
Water management

## Documents

MER\_Climate Change Profile (pdf, 1.2 MB)

FANRPAN\_Fact Sheet Moz (pdf, 219.89 KB)

WORLD BANK\_Climate Change Profile Moz (pdf, 2.61 MB)

Presentation\_Climate Data\_Moz (pdf, 1.01 MB)

## Images



Training on basic irrigation solutions

Training on basic irrigation solutions



Training on agricultural practices

Training on agricultural practices



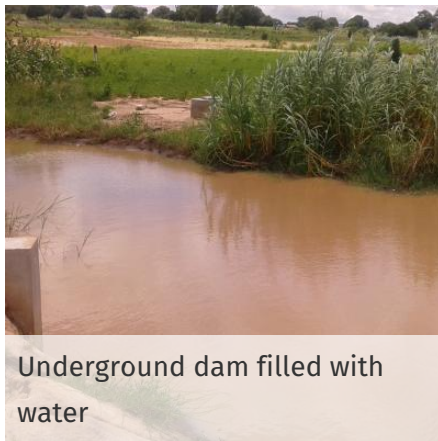
Construction of underground dam

Construction of underground dam



Protected horticulture cultivation

Protected horticulture cultivation



Underground dam filled with water

Underground dam filled with water



Basic irrigation solution in use (hip-pump)

Basic irrigation solution in use (hip-pump)

## ○ Risk perspective

### Hazards arising from environmental degradation

Hazard name Degradation (land, soil, ecosystems, biodiversity)

Exposure Yes

Comments Soil degradation is frequently the result of poor conservation practices (no soil coverage, deep tillage, poor biodiversity) aggravated by heavy rains. Consequently, more inputs are needed resulting in a vicious circle of degradation.

Consequence **Key consequences are lower yields due to degraded soil and higher need of farmers to use inputs (fertilizers)**

Likelihood  
Likely

Extent  
Harmful

Risk Level  
Medium risk

Hazard name Water pollution (surface and subterranean)

Exposure Yes

Comments Water pollution mainly in peri-urban areas due to urban water and soil contamination (e.g. from factories, waste, etc.).

Consequence **Key consequences are the loss in product quality, as well as potential health risks for consumers. Assessment of hazard is difficult because of limited data availability on water and soil quality.**

Likelihood  
Likely

Extent  
Slightly harmful

Risk Level  
Low risk

Hazard name Pests and epidemics

Exposure Yes

Comments Pests and epidemics occur because of poor crop rotation and lack of knowledge or availability of properly formulated defensives (pesticides, insecticides, fungicides). Pests and epidemics are occurring more frequently during the hot and rainy season compared to the cold and dry season.

Consequence **Key consequences are crop losses (sometimes failure) and that farmers avoid production in warmer and wetter months of the year**

Likelihood  
Likely

Extent  
Harmful

Risk Level  
Medium risk



## Natural hazards (hydro-meteorological and geological)

### Hazard name Heat waves

Exposure Yes

Comments According to the World Bank, the number of hot days per year increased by 25 in the last 40 years, and much of this has occurred during the southern hemisphere autumn. This corresponds to the first harvest cycle of many major grains across the country, with significant implications for agricultural pests and yields.

Consequence **Key consequences include a shortening of the growing season, crop failure (no yield) or crop losses (lower yields)**

Likelihood  
Very likely

Extent  
Harmful

Risk Level  
High risk

### Hazard name Droughts

Exposure Not sure

Comments Since the 1960s, mean rainfall has decreased by an average of 2.5 millimeters per month (3.1%) per decade. Increased rainfall over the northern regions, highly variable conditions in the central regions, and persistent drought periods coupled with episodic floods in the south. In Northern Mozambique, seasonal droughts are occurring, meaning that rains are delayed.

Consequence **Delayed rains result in loss of seeds of rainfed crops (e.g. maize) and the need to rebuy and re-sow crops**

Likelihood  
Likely

Extent  
Harmful

Risk Level  
Medium risk

### Hazard name Storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, strong winds, sandstorms

Exposure Yes

Comments Frequency of storms has increased, but events are seasonally concentrated and farmers normally wait with sowing until the risk has decreased.

Consequence **Destruction of basic infrastructure and crops in early stage of growth**

Likelihood  
Unlikely

Extent  
Harmful

Risk Level  
Low risk

### Hazard name Flash floods, floods

Exposure Yes

**Comments** The proportion of days with heavy rainfall events has increased by 2.6% per decade according to the World Bank. The number of days with heavy rainfall currently amounts to ~25 per year. However, events are seasonally concentrated and farmers normally wait with sowing until this risk is lower.

**Consequence** **Destruction of basic infrastructure and crops in early stage of growth, destruction of trade infrastructure (e.g. bridges and roads)**

| Likelihood | Extent  | Risk Level  |
|------------|---------|-------------|
| Likely     | Harmful | Medium risk |

**Hazard name** Erratic Rains

Exposure Yes

**Comments** Recently, rainfalls in Northern Mozambique are out of usual patterns which farmers rely on. Tendency towards delayed rainfalls.

**Consequence** **It is difficult for farmers to predict the start of the rainy season. Due to a delayed start of the rainy season, the growing cycle is postponed into the hot season when it is difficult to produce horticulture. Higher risk of pests due to humidity.**

| Likelihood  | Extent  | Risk Level |
|-------------|---------|------------|
| Very likely | Harmful | High risk  |

## Hazards arising from climate change (and climate variability)

**Hazard name** General trends towards higher or lower mean annual temperatures

Exposure No

**Comments** Temperatures have generally increased by 0.6° C over the last forty years, with particularly pronounced increases observed during the hot season (September - March). This increase has so far not considerably affected horticulture as the vegetables are produced during the drier and cooler winter months (April - August).

**Hazard name** Changes in frequency and intensity of climatic extreme events and associated disasters (e.g. cold and heat waves, flood, drought, storms, hurricanes, cyclones)

Exposure No

**Comments** Frequency of floods is increasing in the country, but mostly in the South and Centre where Mozambique does not control the dam system on the main river (e.g. Limpopo, Save, etc.). Other events (hurricanes, cyclones, etc.) are also concentrated in the South/Centre.

**Hazard name** Shifts in season

**Exposure** Yes

**Comments** A shift of seasons is observed in Northern Mozambique. Average annual rainfall has remained similar (or even slightly increased). However, the precipitation patterns have changed. More erratic and locally concentrated rainfall is observed which often results in floods and a shorter growing season.

**Consequence** **Shorter growing season, longer idle season (hunger period - epoca de fome), unpredictability of sowing time, loss of first seeds (investment), extension of growing season into warmer months, loss of 1 or more production cycles**

**Likelihood**

Very likely

**Extent**

Harmful

**Risk Level**

High risk

## Detailed risk assessment needed?

Yes - A detailed risk assessment is needed

## ● Impact perspective

### Estimate impact on the environment

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| Environmental Area        | Ecosystems   |
| Component of the activity | Underground Dams   |
| Impact on environment     | Small-scale rainwater retention increasing soil humidity potentially changing the ecosystem; limited additional pollution due to the plastic used to build the dam |

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|---------------------------|---|
| Environmental Area        | Soil  |
| Component of the activity | Inputs (Fertilizer & Pesticides)  |
| Impact on environment     | Use of fertilizer and pesticides by horticulture smallholders is common. However, the used amounts are very limited due to a lack of financial resources. Thus, a small negative impact on the soils can be expected. The Project only gives technical advice following a market-approach and does not directly promote and increased use of fertilizers and pesticides for the horticultural production. |

### Estimate impact on climate change

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|---------------------------|--|
| Component of the activity | Increasing volumes and de-seasonalization of horticulture production   |
| Impacts on climate change | Possibly decreasing emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) due to local horticultural production and shorter transport routes. The international and inter-regional imports might decrease due to a higher availability of locally produced vegetables. |

### Detailed impact assessment needed?

No - A detailed impact assessment is not needed