Mozambique is a partner country of VLIR-UOS with a modest financial envelope. From 2003 to 2020 VLIR-UOS spent over € 7 million in cooperation programmes with Mozambique, including 1 long-term Institutional University Cooperation (IUC) programme with Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (UEM).

Currently no new projects are started in Mozambique but UEM remains an important partner in International Course Programmes (ICP).

Higher education as a driving force for sustainable development

Mozambique is a priority country of Belgian and Flemish cooperation. Links with previous activities of Flemish universities in the health sector and small scale VLIR-UOS cooperation projects in Mozambique led to the implementation of an institutional university cooperation programme in 2008.

The VLIR-UOS Country Strategy for Mozambique complies with the Mozambican national strategy by giving priority to agriculture, health and environment. Governance, education, community engagement, information & technology services and statistics were identified as transversal themes.

VLIR-UOS supports interventions that strengthen higher education institutions in their role as actor of change by improving education, research and extension of new knowledge, applications and services in various domains. This is in line with the Joint Strategic Framework for Mozambique, which was developed in 2016 by the Belgian Non-Governmental Actors active in Mozambique. More synergy and complementarity with other Belgian actors in Mozambique will be sought for.
Institutional Capacity Building

The institutional university cooperation (IUC) programme with Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM) started in 2008, has now come to an end. The IUC, abbreviated “Desafio”, is mainly focused on reproductive and sexual health in Maputo and surrounding areas (Development Programme in Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, and Family Matters through multidisciplinary inter-university investigation).

The overall objective of this programme is to contribute to the reduction of the incidence of maternal mortality and HIV/AIDS in Mozambique through knowledge base and training in HIV/AIDS, on one hand, and engaging the key stakeholders in the efforts to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in Mozambique, on the other hand. It touches upon human and social rights; gender, family and health issues; reproductive health and HIV/AIDS; capacity building and bio-statistics.

Short term projects

TEAM and South Initiative (SI) projects are mutually reinforcing projects that aim to strengthen the research and education capacity and to bring into service this capacity to find sustainable solutions to local and global development challenges. One finalized SI project with Manica Higher Polytechnic Institute has worked on community based management of carbon stocks and strengthened the local partner to monitor and analyse the carbon stocks. Another finalised project with the University of Zambeze worked on an integrated, sustainable development of the Zambeze river basin, by setting up a research base, organising workshops, improving the qualifications of teaching staff and involving stakeholders for the uptake of the results.

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VLIR-UOS supports partnerships between universities and university colleges in Flanders (Belgium) and the South looking for innovative responses to global and local challenges. VLIR-UOS funds cooperation projects between professors, researchers and teachers. VLIR-UOS also awards scholarships to students and professionals in Flanders and the South. Lastly, VLIR-UOS helps to strengthen higher education in the South and the globalisation of higher education in Flanders.

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