


# MOMENTUM

Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity



## MOZAMBIQUE

### Strengthening COVID-19 Immunization in Mozambique

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	<b>Where we work</b>  Provinces: Gaza, Nampula, Zambézia  Districts: 37 (14 in Gaza, 15 in Nampula, 22 in Zambézia)	<b>Population</b>  Country: 32 million (PRB 2021)  Project-supported areas: 13.1 million

## BACKGROUND

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (the project) is a USAID-supported project that aims to sustainably strengthen routine immunization programs to overcome the entrenched obstacles contributing to stagnating and declining immunization rates. The project works with the Ministry of Health (MOH) in Mozambique to provide technical assistance to COVID-19 vaccine introduction efforts and to improve uptake of the vaccine across the country. These efforts focus on policy and planning, communications activities, and supply chain management.

## AREAS OF SUPPORT

### POLICY, PLANNING, AND COORDINATION

The project provides ongoing support and technical guidance for COVID-19 vaccine rollout and national-level strategic guidance on campaign priorities and planning. At the national level, we collaborate with the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) to introduce the COVID-19 vaccine and work with the MOH technical working group to update the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan. At the provincial level, we provide support to ensure campaign strategies can be fully implemented, including strengthening COVID-19 data.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND DEMAND GENERATION

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity collaborates with partners in Mozambique to design tailored strategic communications plans and community engagement activities that promote trust in and demand for COVID-19 vaccination. For example, we have partnered with community radio stations to share information on vaccination dates, eligibility by age group, and the importance of immunization.

In February 2022, the project signed a memorandum of understanding with the Confederation of Economic Associations of Mozambique (CTA) to engage the private sector in COVID-19 vaccination efforts. The partnership encourages companies to use incentives to influence communities to get vaccinated. In June 2022, five private sector companies participated in the launch event in Zambézia Province, where approximately 2,000 workers received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine.

The project and CTA encourage communities to get vaccinated through identifying and congratulating COVID-19 vaccination champions, holding competitions to encourage vaccination, and posting data on the percentage vaccinated.

## SERVICE DELIVERY

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity provides operational support to build upon COVID-19 immunization service delivery modalities. Community health committees and their volunteers play critical roles in providing immunization services to the community. The project supported community health committees with vehicles for supervision and fieldwork. In collaboration with the Zambézia Provincial Health Service, the project has deployed mobile brigades that move to different locations to provide vaccinations.

The project also provides financial support for the operational costs of vaccination teams to deliver outreach COVID-19 vaccination services, especially in hard-to-reach communities, and for the costs of conducting supportive supervision activities to promote and monitor the quality of COVID-19 vaccination services.

## DATA MANAGEMENT, QUALITY, AND USE

The project provides technical support for COVID-19 vaccine rollout at the national and subnational levels, participating in data discussions to guide planning. To support data management, quality, and use, the project provided on-the-job training on data recording, data control, and use of the daily summary book. We support data managers to complete timely data entry, monitoring, and reporting at national and subnational levels. We will also support the adaptation and reproduction of monitoring and evaluation tools to include new target groups.

## SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Given the unpredictability of the global availability for COVID-19 vaccines, the project encourages supply chain best practices in Mozambique to have robust vaccine supply planning and ensure availability of vaccines and related supplies. This includes robust tracking and forecasting for the different vaccines in

the system and support for planning and distribution to the service delivery points to ensure no stockouts of vaccines and related supplies. The project advocates for allocation of human resources to support immunization supply chain related activities including forecasting, procurement, distribution, and monitoring of stock level for vaccines related supplies.