



Gender Links Mozambique began operations in 2011, serving both as country office and Lusophone base. GL Mozambique registered as a wholly Mozambique incorporated office in 2016. In 2017 the office:

- Increased the number of Centres of Excellence that it works with from 19 to 20.
- Expanded Gender Based Violence Action Plans to include Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and early child marriage.
- Produced a book and Video in English and Portuguese containing life stories of early child marriage from Manica Province were produced as a tool for lobby and advocacy for GL work and other stakeholders. This was done in partnership with the Office of the First Lady of Mozambique who is the Patron of the Early Child Marriages Campaign and also in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Affairs through dissemination of the National Strategy to Prevent and Fight Early Child Marriages.
- Obtained buy-in from four schools (in Mandlakazi, Mocuba, Namaacha and Massinga) to introduce debates with youth on early child marriage which benefited 173 female and 42 male students. 60 sets of school materials were distributed to young women students as an incentive to keep them at school.
- Mentored graduates of the entrepreneurship programme for survivors of GBV providing continuous support in life skill and business action plans and ensuring creation of employment in councils such as Inhambane and Bilene.

- Produced and launched the 2017 Barometer, tool to measure the progress of implementation of commitments made by member states.
- Successfully Launched the CoP 16 days of activism.
- Conducted a workshop with Members of Parliament to revise the Inheritance and Family Laws and Inheritance Law approved by parliament.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Score card shows that:

- 45% of COE councillors are women. There has been an increase of women mayors in the COE's from 7% in 2008 to 9% in 2017, and female managers from 13% in 2012 to 38% in 2017. Women comprise 80% of those who work in water and sanitation committees, and 32% of those who chair these committees.
- Women constitute 36% of COE council employees.
- COE councils allocated 48% of land to women.



I congratulate the efforts of the work and achievements made by my council in particular as a result of the work done by GL in Mozambique, to ensure equal participation of women and men not only within the councils but also in management positions. I encourage all councils in Mozambique to join the COEs Process in order to achieve gender equality and development we all hope for.

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