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Gender Links Mozambique (GLM), has been operating since 2011, serving both as country office and Lusophone base. In 2015 GL Mozambique registered as a national entity. In 2018, GLM:

- Revised 21 Gender Based Violence Action Plans to include Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and early child marriage.
- Conducted three regional meetings with political parties, journalists and women's leagues to disseminate the new decentralisation electoral law.
- Disseminated and launched the SRHR, Child Marriages Book and Video at a High level National Summit, opened by the President and First Lady.
- Through life stories on child marriages, raised support to send two victims of child/forced marriage back to school. In partnership with the Office of the First Lady Office, Ministry of Gender, schools, councils, local districts, communities the books and videos are continuously distributed and disseminated.
- Increased buy-in from four schools (in Mandlakazi, Mocuba, Namaacha and Massinga) to 10 schools (Boane, Chokwe, Chibuto, Vilankulos, Bilene, Mariondo in Manica) in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender.
- Strengthened partnership with the National Municipalities Association and Ministry of Local Government.
- Championed the visibility of GLs programmes on local government, entrepreneurship, and SRHR and child marriage.
- Increased media coverage of Gender Links work through print and TV Programmes every two months.



LG COE meeting with Mayors and Swedish Ambassador and MPs.

- Conducted training of women entrepreneurs on business management and life skills.
- Launched the 16 days of activism against violence on women and children.
- Renewed the Memorandum of Understanding with 10 councils on SRHR and GBV through the Sunrise Campaign project.

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

- Following the 2018 elections, women constitute 453 out of 1196 councillors (38%), a two percentage point increase from the year before.
- Women constitute 6 of the 53 mayors (11,3%); a slight increase on the 9.4% before.
- Women on water/sanitation committees decreased from 80% in 2017 to 73.5% in 2018. The percentage of women who chair these committees increased from 32% in 2017 to 44% in 2018.
- Women constitute 44.5% of COE council employees.
- COE councils' allocation of land to women decreased from 48% in 2017 to 46.31 in 2018 in the year under review.