

**Boosting Opportunities
to Invest and Trade**

Mozambique



Hub Target Markets

The Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub is based in Pretoria, South Africa and Gaborone, Botswana, with resident advisors in Malawi and Zambia.

The program works with eight Southern Africa Development Community member states: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia. The Hub is exploring potential activities in Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe.

The Hub also works closely with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) on regional trade policy and engages private and public sector organizations, business and industry associations, and international financial institutions.

Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub (the Trade and Investment Hub) engages with partners across Southern Africa to deepen regional economic integration, promote two-way trade with the U.S. under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and attract investment that drives commercial expansion within the region and to global markets.

Building a vibrant, broad-based and export-oriented private sector, encouraging the diversification of exports beyond natural resources, and promoting a governing environment that is conducive to business fosters resilience among Southern African economies while also fueling demand for U.S. goods and services.

Trade and Investment Projects in Mozambique

In Mozambique, the Hub is supporting economic diversification, job creation and fostering a business environment conducive to trade and investment. The Hub implements activities in four critical areas:

- **Finance and Investment**
Accelerating U.S. and international investment to businesses to promote strategic value chains and grow international trade links
- **Export Competitiveness**
Helping companies to leverage AGOA to increase exports to the U.S.
- **Enabling Environment and Trade Facilitation**
Fostering transparent, reliable, efficient and cost-effective trade policies and related infrastructure
- **Agribusiness**
Increasing the competitiveness of agricultural value chains for export through investment, technology transfer, and greater private sector participation



Core Activities in Mozambique

Finance and Investment

- *Implementing and strengthening the Warehouse Receipts System to help producers, SMEs and other value chain actors utilize crops as collateral for loans and insurance*
- *Helping financial institutions to introduce inclusive products and services for agricultural value chain players and SMEs*
- *Facilitating investments into agri-infrastructure*
- *Supporting the consolidation and regional integration of structured trade platforms*
- *Assessing and facilitating investment opportunities, specifically targeting horticulture and oilseed value chains and agri-infrastructure*

Export Competitiveness

- *Assessing the export competitiveness of Mozambique's estimated 35,000 metric tons per year cashew production (1% of global cashew production)*
- *Assessing export-ready firms in textiles, leather, accessories and specialty foods, and linking them to international buyers and investors*

Enabling Environment and Trade Facilitation

- *Providing assistance on the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) to facilitate expedited release of goods at air cargo facilities*
- *Supporting compliance with SADC trade protocols by helping to establish a sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) committee, and the adoption of transparency provisions and fish standards*

Agribusiness

- *Encouraging trade in staple commodities including soybean, maize, and sesame, and non-staples including cashew and macadamia nuts*
- *Supporting compliance with Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) grades and standards across the grains value chain*
- *Helping to develop and implement a Market Information System to disseminate real-time information on trade in staples and non-staples*

History of the Hub in Southern Africa

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the current, fourth generation Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub in October 2016. The Trade and Investment Hub is a flagship regional initiative closely aligned with sister projects headquartered in Accra, Ghana (the West Africa Trade and Investment Hub) and Nairobi, Kenya, (the East Africa Trade and Investment Hub).



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