

Project Title: Integrated and Decentralised Services Delivery to Flood Displaced People, Mozambique

Location: GAZA province
Chibuto and Massangena Districts
Beneficiaries - 180,000 people



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1.0 The problem and context

- Emanated from the floods of February 2000.
- Communities were displaced and settled in areas where:
 - Poor water supplies (availability and quality)
 - Staying in makeshift houses
 - Depend of fuel wood which is scarce in the region
 - There is weak social relations (gender issues) due to displacement and no voice in matters that affect their lives
 - Lack of support from government and support agencies due to lack of infrastructure
- The result has been poor health conditions and very low incomes and jobs if at all.

2.0 The project

- To work with institutions that are currently involved in doing work with displaced communities in Gaza Province. Why? (to take advantage of their existing knowledge, due to their commitment to solve the development needs of displaced communities, shared vision, due to their existing relationship(trust) with communities)
- To promote locally managed provision of water, shelter and energy solutions to the above problems based on proven technologies.
- To build ITDG's capacity to respond to extreme environmental events e.g. floods
- To build the capacity of partner organizations through training and joint implementation of activities
- To assist communities to organize themselves and plan for their local development.

3.0 Expected outputs

Three years after being granted the funds:

- This project will impact on 180 000 people, 16 000 directly and the rest (164 000) indirectly through word of mouth, exchange visits, meeting and interactions with participating agencies as well as printed publications on the project.
- Flood displaced communities managing and maintaining their own water sources in line with safety guidelines
- Communities with strong links and networks with other support organizations
- Communities living in clean kitchens with low smoke and income generation from making fuel efficient stoves
- Conservation of the local environment through use of efficient stoves and alternative building materials
- Communities able to produce low cost building materials and building improved houses
- Partners able to train in development planning (training for transformation, leadership, community mobilization)

4.0 Project partners

- i) Association for Rural Community Development (ADCR)
- ii) Environmental Working Group (GTA)

Weaknesses:

- Lack of planning and technical skills in water, housing and energy services

iii) ITDG Southern Africa's weaknesses

- Lack of skills in working in flood prone environment
- Lack of physical presence in Mozambique
- Language barrier / portuguese

iv) RedR and Centre for Disaster Management, University of Cape Town, South Africa - regional partners with wide international experience on disaster management and mitigation.