

## CALL ACRONYM "Food environments for improved nutrition "

## Project Acronym: Project title

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background	Mozambique has a high level of malnutrition. Despite a generally positive trend in recent years, long-lasting food insecurity still affects 24% of the population and 25% suffer malnutrition. The situation is critical for children between 12 and 59 months, with 47% affected by chronic malnutrition. The situation is worse in rural areas among smallholder families. Food availability in Mozambique depends on smallholder production, which is characterized by low productivity. Major productivity constraints such as gender inequalities and low adoption of new technologies are still not well addressed. The situation is further exacerbated by climate change and ex- treme weather events. There are still no context-specific responses to en- hance rural populations' resilience or integrate food systems and disaster preparedness. Poor transport infrastructure, limited marketing, high post- harvest losses, and underdeveloped value-chains hamper the diversification of production and ultimately healthy household diets. While low agricultural production and productivity affect food security and nutrition (FSN), other factors also seem to contribute. The northern province of Nampula, for example, has Mozambique's highest rates of chronic malnu- trition. As one of the country's largest agricultural producers, this is puzzling. This paradox shows that more complex factors define how people interact with food sources and influence FSN.
objective	Strengthen the resilience of rural food environments in the context of disas- ter risk and climate change in Mozambique.
short description	Mozambique continues combatting food insecurity and malnutrition which remains to be a serious problem in rural areas throughout the country. Cli- mate Change appears to increase the already disaster-prone food supply systems, but additional factors need to be better understood within the framework of food environments for supporting rural food security networks and rural livelihoods towards higher farm-household resilience and targeted emergency actions. FEMOZ proposes a three-tier intervention, implement- ing long-term R&D infrastructures consisting of: A "Living Lab" transdiscipli- nary co-research platform; a "Science-Policy-Society Interface" linking the Living-Lab's participatory research to the political and operational decision- making processes; and a "Capacity Development Hub" for jointly developing cross-sectoral capacity development measures. The intervention will sparkle strong long-term dynamics towards dynamic responses for achieving posi- tive outcomes of enhanced food environments and improved food security.