



## AUSTRIAN RED CROSS

### MOZAMBIQUE



ARC project area:  
Sofala

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	Mozambique	Austria
Area in m2	799,380	83,871
Population (millions)	21.9	8.3
Rural population in %	63	33
UNDP Human Development Index	172	14
<b>Society</b>		
Languages	Portuguese, as well as over 20 African languages	German Regional languages: Slovenian, Croatian
Religions	45% natural religions, 37% Christian, 18% Muslim	73.6% Catholic, 4.7% Protestant, 4.2% Muslim, 2.2% Orthodox, 0.1% Jew, 12% without religious denomination
<b>Health</b>		
Life expectancy	47.8	79.9
Doctors per 10,000 inhabitants	<1	37
Infant mortality per 1,000 babies	105.8	4
Child malnutrition (< 5 years) in %	21.2	0
Adults with HIV/AIDS in %	12.5	0.2
Access to safe drinking water in %	42	100
Access to sanitary facilities in %	31	100
<b>Education</b>		
Literacy rates in %	47.8	~ 100
<b>Economy</b>		
Main export products	Aluminium, crabs, cashew nuts, cotton, sugar, citrus fruits, wood	Machines, automotive industry, paper, metal, iron, chemicals, textiles
GNP/capita/year in USD	802	37,370
% of the population living on < 1,25 USD/day	74.7	0
Unemployment in %	21	3.9
Inflation in %	10.3	3.2

Sources: UNDP United Nations Development Report 2009, German Federal Foreign Office, [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov), [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)



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The 17-year civil war following independence from Portugal in 1975 has left its mark on the country. Even today, half of the population still live in total poverty. Thanks to international aid, however, the country has been constantly developing since the peace treaty of 1992. It is impossible to fail to notice this feeling of change in Mozambique, although it is constantly being disrupted by recurrent natural disasters such as floods, droughts and hurricanes.

The Austrian Red Cross (ARC) has been working in Mozambique since 2002. What began as disaster aid for flood victims turned into successful, long-lasting cooperation.



#### Drinking water and hygiene

Since 2002, the ARC together with the Mozambique Red Cross (CVM) has constructed or rehabilitated 100 wells in the province of Sofala, and also provided 900 households with latrines. Access to clean drinking water is one of the most important stages in the development of rural villages, especially in terms of improving the general health situation. We are also working with the Mozambique Red Cross (CVM)

towards helping the population make lasting progress on our main focal points of health and water.

Project duration 2002-2008  
Cost € 765,000

#### Community-based healthcare

Our project area is an isolated part of Sofala province which is also regularly devastated by floods. The people live a long way from health facilities, the illiteracy rate is high and women are underprivileged.

Lack of knowledge and health awareness leads to poor hygiene and malnutrition. The greatest health challenges are malaria, diarrhoea illnesses, HIV and AIDS, maternal and child health, tuberculosis and respiratory diseases. Educating the population on the prevention of disease, the promotion of health and the prevention of epidemics in the event of disasters is at the heart of our projects.

Further focal points in the cooperation project include building the capacity of the CVM as well as developing and strengthening the Red Cross volunteer structure.

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