

Green growth opportunities for women and youth in urban areas of Mozambique

Summary of discussion: 11 February 2021

1. Introduction

This note complements the WOW Helpdesk query on potential economic opportunities for urban women and youth in the green-growth and low-carbon sectors of the economy in Mozambique. A 1.5-hour consultation took place on 11th February 2021 with key members of the FCDO/MUVA team to identify next steps.

The results of the helpdesk query on the global evidence, sectors and examples were presented. The WOW consultancy team had identified a range of potential strategic choices for MUVA to discuss as part of developing options – choosing a sector; greening existing work; partnering with organisations already working in green sectors; a focus on skills for green sectors. However, early in the discussion it became clear that the scope of the desk review did not include all the questions MUVA needs answers to before getting into discussions and decisions on options.

The team shifted its focus to a discussion on what are the key questions MUVA needs to consider in further research which will focus on the Mozambique context. This included further research into peri-urban and coastal areas. It was agreed that a deliverable from the meeting would be a short note describing a set of principles for MUVA's engagement in green sectors and a matrix to help identify sectors that could be included in the other consultancy.

2. Principles for MUVA's engagement in green sectors

MUVA's engagement in the green economy should be guided by the following principles in addition to MUVA's mission to: test new approaches; bring innovative approaches to Mozambique; work in urban or peri-urban areas; identify ideas with potential for scale and sustainability; co-creation and partnership with local actors; realistic and practical timeframe and resources. (Sentences in italics are additional to what was discussed but may be useful for MUVA to consider):

- **Putting women and youth at the centre:** making sure women / youth benefit from opportunities in green sectors. *This could also include intersectionality, do no harm, & participation.*
- **Solving a problem:** addressing issues people are grappling with in terms of women and youth's engagement in green sectors. *Using a flexible and adaptive approach, generating evidence and managing risk.*



- **Disrupting social norms:** creating opportunities in traditionally male-dominated occupations and addressing constraints and opportunities for women and youth's economic empowerment.

3. What is the problem that MUVA wants to solve?

| Key questions/sector | Urban/peri-urban agric. & forestry | Energy and infrastructure | Oceans/coastal conservation | Recycling and circular economy | Tourism | Green Entrepreneurship |
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| <p>How can MUVA put women and youth at centre of green sectors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the specific constraints & opportunities for women and youth entering the green economy in Mozambique? - What are the social norms and traditional practices that are barriers to engagement or offer opportunities for change? | | | | | | |
| <p>Where can MUVA add value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where are women and youth already involved in supply chains where value could be added? - Where are the labour market insertion opportunities? - Where are the opportunities for green entrepreneurs? - Where are the gaps in awareness and knowledge? - Where can a gender lens benefit green sectors in Moz.? | | | | | | |
| <p>What are the systemic issues that MUVA could address? E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social norms and traditional practices? - Barriers to women and youth's leadership and representation? | | | | | | |



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| <p>Who could MUVA partner with?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who is doing what in Moz.? - Who has the green sector technical skills that MUVA could partner with? | | | | | | |
| <p>What are the main climate finance flows in Mozambique?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore climate finance and climate-related development finance. - What climate finance is available for SMEs/green entrepreneurs? | | | | | | |
| <p>What can be done within the budget and timescale?</p> | | | | | | |