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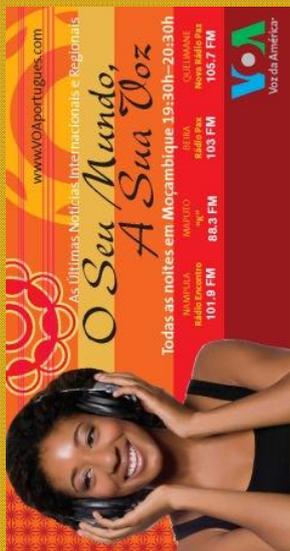
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YOUR VOICE. YOUR VIDEO.

The U.S. Department of State announced the launch of the Second Annual Democracy Video Challenge at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the International Day of Democracy, September 15, 2009. The Democracy Video Challenge is a worldwide competition aimed at enhancing dialogue on



democracy. It asks filmmakers, democracy advocates and the general public to create video shorts that complete the phrase, "Democracy is..."

This year's contest will build on the momentum of the first annual challenge, which saw over 900 video submissions from 95 countries. Six regional winners will be selected by the online voting public in the spring of 2010. They will receive an all-expense paid trip to the United States that includes screenings of their videos in New York, Hollywood and Washington, meetings with film directors, public officials and democracy advocates from nongovernmental organizations, and time on film and TV sets. Contestants who wish to compete anonymously

may also submit videos. One anonymous video will be selected as a winner, however, that contestant will not be eligible to claim the travel prize.

The Democracy Video Challenge is made possible by a broad public-private partnership. Partners include: the Center for International Private Enter-

prise, the International Republican Institute, the International Youth Foundation, the Motion Picture Association of America, NBC Universal, the Recording Industry Association of America, the National Democratic Institute, New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, USC's Annenberg School of Communication, TakingITGlobal, the U.S. Department of State, and YouTube. For more information about the Democracy Video Challenge and submitting a video entry, contact the Public Affairs section at the U.S. Embassy, Maputo via email at MaputoIRC@state.gov. More information, including past videos submitted and prior winners can be seen at www.youtube.com/democracychallenge

Message from the Chargé d'Affaires



Todd C. Chapman

On behalf of the United States of America I would like to congratulate the people of Mozambique as you celebrate Peace

and Reconciliation Day.

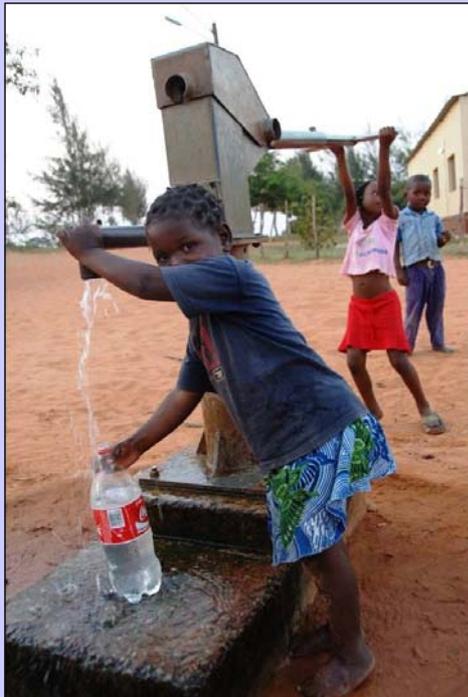
On October 4, 1992, the Government of Mozambique, represented by Joaquim Chissano, and the RENAMO delegation, represented by Afonso Dhlakama, signed a

ceasefire agreement in Rome that led to the cessation of hostilities in Mozambique's protracted civil war. The Process of Rome has brought about 17 years of peace, the return of refugees and displaced persons, and the opportunity for lasting development.

The United States wishes the people of Mozambique continued peace and prosperity in the years to come.

Small Grants Provide Help to Marracuene Children

The United States Embassy in Maputo, through the PEPFAR Quick Impact Program (QIP) and the Ambassador's Self Help Fund (SSH), are proud to continue supporting the efforts of the Congregação das Irmãs Franciscanas Hospitalares da Imaculada Conceição (CONFHIC) in Marracuene.



Through their orphanage and outreach programs, the five Franciscan sisters of CONFHIC provide shelter, care, education and income generating training to hundreds of orphans and vulnerable children in the Marracuene area.

In the past few years, the U.S. Embassy has provided both a grant to CONFHIC to dig a well for safe water and

a grant to promote their HIV/AIDS prevention education programs. Continuing this trend, CONFHIC has also been chosen to receive a grant this year in order to continue their HIV/AIDS prevention efforts.



Children from the CONFHIC orphanage in Marracuene

Although we may call them "small grants", their impact on the hundreds of children in Marracuene is B-I-G!



Reducing Malaria Mortality through Improved Diagnosis

The Mozambican National Malaria Plan (2006-2009) emphasizes the importance of confirming all malaria diagnoses with an accurate test to improve treatment and reduce risk of drug resistance. Many laboratories in the country are however not functional, either due to damaged microscopes or because lab technicians lack adequate training.

The BASSOPA Malaria! Project together with the Ministry of Health (MoH) organized a training program in Maputo for 21 laboratory and maintenance technicians from Nampula, Sofala, Inhambane, Gaza and Maputo provinces. "One of the lessons I learned during this training is that a lot of our microscopes can be repaired and used for several more years if appropriate maintenance is done. This will prevent the waste of microscopes that is currently happening. We now have the information and skills to repair them", said David Lameira, Maintenance



Ministry of Health lab technicians during a training session

Technician in the MoH's Maintenance Department.

The training focused on how to repair and maintain microscopes. During practice sessions, the technicians repaired seven damaged microscopes that had been delivered to the Central Hospital. "I was not aware of all the functions of a microscope or how to conduct regular maintenance" said Francisco Bazima, Electromedicine Technician from Gaza who completed his course 20 years ago. The Project now supports the Maintenance Department to develop a maintenance plan and will provide necessary spare parts to repair microscopes. It will also distribute 80 new microscopes to laboratories

throughout the country.

Bassopa Malaria! is funded by the President's Malaria Initiative and aims at strengthening the Ministry of Health to prevent and control malaria nationwide.

Tsha Tsha Mini-series Launched

Beginning October 2, Mozambican audiences can view *Tsha Tsha*, a mini-series that combines entertainment and education on HIV/AIDS.

Brought to Mozambique by Johns Hopkins University Center for Communications Programs (JHUCCP), through the support of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and PEPFAR funding, *Tsha Tsha* will be broadcast every Friday at 7:00 pm on TVM 26 consecutive weeks, and STV will rebroadcast the program every Sunday beginning November 25.

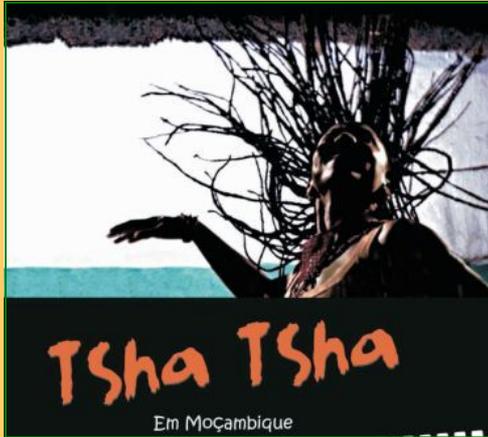
USAID Mozambique Director Todd Amani said at the official launch of the program that “we hope together to save more lives (with *Tsha Tsha*).”

An impact evaluation after the first season of shows in South Africa indicated changes among viewers in HIV test

rates, condom use, faithfulness to partners, and positive attitudes toward preventive behaviors.

Following a careful analysis of the series, the Mozambique National Council to Combat Aids (CNCS), JHUCCP, TVM and STV agreed that the issues are relevant to the Mozambican context, and decided to adapt the show for the local audience and dub it in Portuguese.

Tsha Tsha will work to achieve the success of the South African flagship show by strengthening positive social norms and providing positive role models that portray realistic alternatives to harmful practices and behaviors. The series will also aim to penetrate rural areas more effectively by facilitating village discussion groups to talk about important issues after each show.



Artists Siphwe Ntshali and Brenda Ngxoli attended the launching of the minis-series in Maputo

Meeting with PEPFAR Partners

On September 24 the United States Mission met with the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) partners in Maputo to discuss new approaches under the new Partnership Agreement Framework, a five-year plan which seeks to deepen the relationship between the United States government and the government of Mozambique, as well as harmonize their efforts in fighting HIV/AIDS. The participants also shared best practices and issues related to the next year’s programs.

Dr. Lisa Nelson, Country Director for the Center for Prevention and Disease Control (CDC), stressed the need for more efficiency on the part of PEPFAR partners. Under the new Partnership Agreement Framework, expected to be signed by the two governments this year, Mozambique is estimated to receive US\$1 billion over five years.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Dr. Rosa Marlene, representing the Ministry of Health of Mozambique (MISAU), thanked the U.S. government for their support in fighting HIV/AIDS in Mozambique. “ (In the past) we only watched



Some of the PEPFAR partners that attended the meeting

people die due to HIV/AIDS...but with the support of the United States we managed to change AIDS into a chronic disease...”, she said in a very emotional speech. She also stressed that about 60% of Mozambicans are still in need of treatment.

AgriFuturo Launch

Trilateral Cooperation on Agriculture



The official launch of the USAID-funded AgriFUTURO project was held on July 10 with a turnout of almost 100 people from the private sector, other donors, NGO, and Ministry of Agriculture officials. AgriFUTURO is a 5 year, \$20 million project that will focus on agricultural value chains. These value chains include mangoes, bananas, pineapples, maize, soy beans, peanuts, cashews and plantation forestry. The Nampula and Beira transport corridors in the north and central parts of the country are the primary geographic focus.



US Government officials meeting with the Brazilian Cooperation delegation

Recently, USAID and a visiting team from the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation - EMBRAPA held meetings and consultations with Mozambican Agricultural Research Institute (IAM). The purpose

was to identify ways to work together to coordinate and strengthen Mozambique's ability to access and adapt relevant technologies from public and private partners across the region and around the world, which will help to serve the common goal of generating growth and reducing poverty and food insecurity. Another objective of the EMBRAPA visit was to demonstrate how international partners can effectively work together to bring the best and most relevant research to bear while at the same time building national capacity to access what the global system offers and translate that into gains for Mozambique's farmers, agribusinesses and consumers.

Mozambique at a Glance



Photo by Michael Barrientos

A party flag from FRELIMO along with the Mozambican flag flew on Sunday afternoon, as two men juggled a ball during a football game on the beach near Maritimo. September 20, 2009

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