

Fit-for-purpose Capacity Building in Mozambique



The Mozambican Land Administration System is still far from complete due to colonial legacy and decades of civil war. The government faces a major challenge: capturing 5 million plots of land with corresponding user rights in the next five years. The enormous task of registering all those landholders has two main components: the registering itself and the organizing of the information.

Fit-for-purpose approach

The land registry organization of Mozambique, DINAT (Direcção Nacional de Terras), wants to catch up in a targeted, fast and affordable way. To cope with the enormous amount of plots, many people must be trained. For that, [Kadaster](#) – The Netherlands' Land Registry and Mapping Agency – has designed a fit-for-purpose approach, involving local and international partners. This two-year project (2019-2020) aims at capacity building regarding three areas: registering (train the trainers), data management and institutional building.

After the capacity building project, the challenge for the national land agency DINAT is to register a total of no less than 5 million parcels between 2020 and 2025. Kadaster is providing technical assistance in the transition phase towards the start of the GESTERRA II programme. The support is focusing on the organization (planning, budgeting and IT) and implementing the fit-for-purpose procedures in land registration and related capacity building ('train the trainers').

The impact of two devastating hurricanes

In 2019 two destructive hurricanes hit Mozambique. This has had a huge impact on land administration procedures. Innovative land tools are needed to document and restore already existing people-to-land relationships as now effected by the cyclones. The location of the people, their houses and temporary shelters as well as their related supporting livelihood need to be identified. A gender-sensitive and inclusive (women, youth, orphans, elderly and marginalized groups) validation, through the community, will ensure the quality of the collected data. Temporary, qualified, or 're-starter' land certificates will be issued and handed over to ensure the access to reconstruction grants and the reestablishment of livelihood.

Intended results

The cooperation has a couple of intended results. First of all a sustainable, autonomous National Land Registry, ready to execute the GESTERRA program and being the trusted party for Mozambican land users and land partners.

A second objective is a sustainable Land Information System with clear procedures in land registration and agreed service level agreements in IT and IT systems.

In the meantime, DINAT staff and service providers are aware of fit for purpose principles and prepared to transfer all related knowledge.

Results so far

In 2018 the fit for purpose procedures were tested in designated pilot areas. The testing focussed on data collection methodologies and related IT (collector) interface applications. Support has been given in developing a strategy in executing the [GESTERRA project](#) and engaging the WB support from 2019.

A training needs assessment was done and a first draft of a Training Toolkit was delivered. This Training Toolkit will be perfected and finished in 2020.

Specific attention was given on IT and IT applications. The interface with the data collection application is now operational.