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Study finds 20% of water in Mozambique is unfit for consumption

Deutsche Welle

About 20 percent of the 3,000 water samples from boreholes, wells and bottled water analysed in Mozambique by the National Water and Food Hygiene Laboratory in the last six months, are contaminated.

A study by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), an international organisation dedicated to fighting malnutrition, says many water sources in Mozambique are contaminated. The contaminated water comes from boreholes, wells and bottled water. As a consequence, the country has been hit by several diseases, namely diarrhoea, cholera and chronic malnutrition. The director of the organisation, Kátia Dias, says that laboratories should use the latest techniques to detect possible contaminations. "Equipment is not working properly. They need to upgrade, they need new software, or they just need to get existing equipment back up and running, because it is not working, unfortunately," she says.

Mozambique is at minimum acceptable level in terms of water and food quality control, says GAIN. Dias says, "At present, there is minimal capacity installed. We now want a quality leap to meet international standards."

We need to use the laboratories more

The director of the National Hygiene and Water Laboratory, Maria Matsinhe, says that in the case of bottled water, companies must carry out regular checks. "The companies producing water send samples for us to analyse and see if there are any problems," she says, "and there are also random periodic seizures."

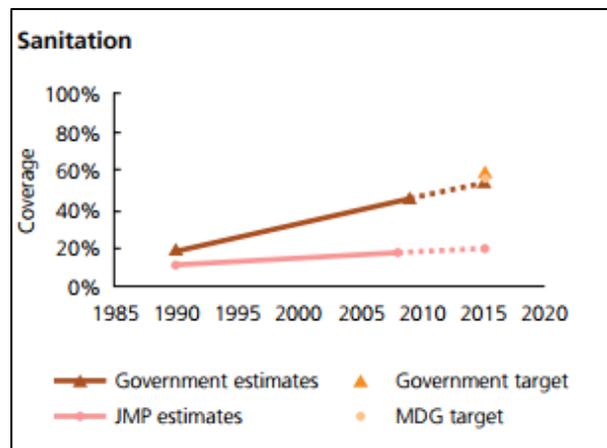
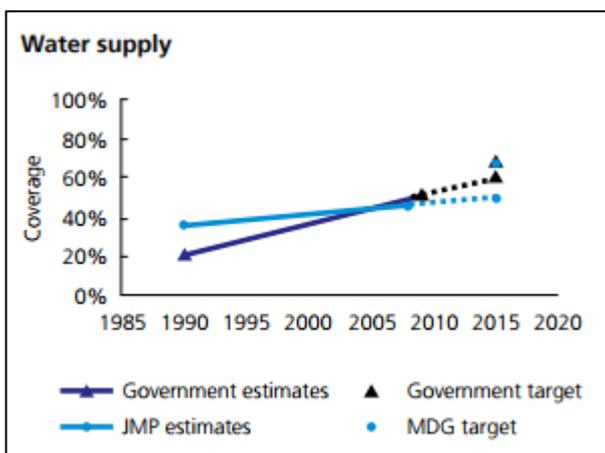
Authorities in the sector collect samples of water from springs, wells and rivers, and carry out awareness campaigns. "The 'chás' [sensitisation agents] go to the neighbourhoods and take samples of water to analyse. That water is sent to us." To minimise disease outbreak rates resulting from contaminated water, authorities have created portable laboratories, but they are not being used well, Matsinhe says. "We need to increase our capacity to use them much more as they are already in the field."

Additional information from Win Win Solutions 4 Africa

The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) commissioned the production of a second round of Country Status Overviews (CSOs) to understand better what underpins progress in water supply and sanitation, and what its member governments can do to accelerate that progress across countries in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The AMCOW delegated this task to the World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program and the African Development Bank, which are implementing it in close partnership with UNICEF and the WHO in over 30 countries across SSA. This CSO2 report has been produced in collaboration with the Government of Mozambique and other stakeholders during 2009/10.

Below are some of the results from the commission:

Progress in water coverage:



Sources: DNA and JMP/INE. 2015

Coverage and investment figures

	Coverage			Population requiring access '000/year	CAPEX requirements		Anticipated public CAPEX			Assumed HH CAPEX	Deficit
	1990	2008	2015		Total	Public	Domestic	External	Total		
	%	%	%		US\$ million/year						
Rural water supply	30%	52%	70%	591	41	40	6	20	26	1	14
Urban water supply	35%	50%	70%	460	75	75	13	73	86	0	-
Water supply total	31%	51%	70%	1,051	116	115	19	94	113	1	3
Rural sanitation	16%	40%	50%	353	40	21	1	2	3	2	34
Urban sanitation	15%	55%	80%	555	73	46	4	29	33	20	21
Sanitation total	16%	45%	60%	849	113	66	5	31	35	22	55

Note: Some rounding errors introduced.

Sources: For coverage data: DNA; for investment data: CSO2 costing. 2015

Main directories responsible for water in Mozambique

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Economy

Deputies want more action on tax collection in Cahora Bassa

O Pais

Senior Members from the Public Administration and Local Government Commission (4th Commission) this week urged the government authorities of the Cahora Bassa district of, in the province of Tete, to be more active in sensitising the population to paying taxes.

This was articulated in a meeting of the Members of the 4th Commission with government members of the Cahora Bassa district, under the surveillance activities of the action to assess the degree of compliance to and implementation of the Economic and Social Plan (PES), as well as the implementation of the State Budget for the first half of this year, in terms of public administration and local power.

During the meeting, the deputies learned about the levels of tax collection, of which the values were less than desirable. In view of the figures presented, Mr António Muchanga, rapporteur of the committee and head of the group who worked in Tete, argued for the importance of paying taxes by the population as a duty of citizenship, and as a way of contributing to the State in its fulfilment of its task to guarantee basic services to the citizens.

"Not paying taxes denies that there are nurses, teachers and police. We are telling the state that we do not want hospitals, we do not want protection, let alone education," said Muchanga. "The district government should find mechanisms that enable people to know the importance and benefits of paying taxes."

It is only through the regular contribution of the citizen that the State can function fully, and maintain the viability of various programs for the benefit of citizens, such as basic services which include new schools, hospitals, police stations, and roads, among others.

The permanent secretary of the district, Francisco Chicote, explained that the weak payment of taxes was due to the small number of tax bills, but said that everything was being done, with the tax authority T to improve the situation. "During the first quarter, revenue collection reached only 19.5 percent of the forecast annual target," said he said. After the province of Tete, the members of the 4th Commission will work in the provinces of Zambézia and Sofala.

International Relations

Morocco aims to strengthen business relations with Mozambique

O Pais

Morocco wants to strengthen business relations with Mozambique for fertiliser production, training of agricultural engineers and mechanisation of irrigation. This was revealed at a meeting of the Moroccan ambassador in Mozambique with the organisation that represents the national entrepreneurs, the Confederation of the Economic Associations of Mozambique (CTA).

Morocco is one of the countries of West Africa, which has agriculture as the main engine of growth. Its economy is dominated by agriculture which employs 40 per cent of the working population and accounts for almost 15 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product, so this will be the priority of economic cooperation between the two countries.

"We would like to develop agricultural cooperation with Mozambique with an integrated perspective, as has been developed in West Africa and East Africa," said Abdelali Rahhl, Morocco's ambassador to Mozambique.

After more than 30 years outside the bloc of African countries, Morocco was reinstated in January 2017 in the African Union. Now the country says it has been paying attention to the potential for economic growth and development in some countries, particularly Mozambique.

For national entrepreneurs this is a door of opportunity for the priority sectors of the country.

"We, the national businessmen, will benefit from this opportunity to exchange experiences and information about what Morocco has in terms of investment potential, and disseminate this to our business. We expect to sign an agreement with CGM, a Moroccan business confederation, with a role similar to that of CTA, and then we will be able to realise these investment interests," said Julião Dimande, president of the Industry and Trade Department, at CTA.

The memorandum between CTA and Moroccan businessmen is expected by September this year. In recent years, Morocco's economy has been characterised by macroeconomic stability and low inflation.

Additional information from Win Win Solutions 4 Africa



Saadeddine Othmani

The President of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco is the head of government of Morocco and serves in a position akin to that of a Prime Minister.

He was born in 1956 in Inezgane, near Agadir, in the Souss region. He obtained a Doctorate in Medicine from Hassan II University of Casablanca in 1986, and in psychiatry in 1994. He also earned Master's and DEA degrees in Islamic studies in 1983, 1987 and 1999. He has written numerous books on psychology and Islamic law, and worked as the editor-in-chief of many magazines and publications. In 2004, after the withdrawal from politics of Abdelkrim Alkhatib,

Saadeddine Othmani became the head of the Justice and Development Party (PJD). He is also a parliamentary deputy of Inezgane.

Saadeddine Othmani was Minister of Foreign Affairs from 3 January 2012 to 10 October 2013 in the government headed by his party, the PJD. He was succeeded as Minister of Foreign Affairs by Salaheddine Mezouar. Subsequently he headed the parliamentary group of the PJD.

On 17 March 2017, Saadeddine Othmani was appointed as Prime Minister by King Mohammed VI. On 25 March 2017, Saadeddine Othmani announced that the government he is leading would include the PJD, the National Rally of Independents (RNI), the Popular Movement (MP), the Constitutional Union (UC), the Party of Progress and Socialism (PPS) and the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP).

International Relations

Japanese aid frozen while talks with IMF continue

AIM

Japan has frozen about 100 million US dollars' worth of grants and loans to Mozambique, in the wake of the scandal over the "hidden loans" to the security-related companies Ematum (Mozambique Tuna Company), Proindicus and MAM (Mozambique Asset Management).

According to a report in Thursday's issue of the independent newsheet "Mediafax", a representative of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Katsuyoshi Sudo, told a Maputo conference on Wednesday on economic relations between Mozambique and Japan that annually Japan has invested between 120 and 140 million dollars in Mozambique, in the form of grants, loans and projects.

But around 100 million dollars of aid is now frozen, and will only be released once Mozambique has reached a new agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The loans to the three companies, contracted in 2013 and 2014, amounted to over two billion dollars, and were illicitly guaranteed by the former Mozambican government, under President Armando Guebuza. This added around 20 per cent to Mozambique's foreign debt, pushing it to unsustainable levels.

When the full extent of this hidden debt was revealed in April 2016, the IMF suspended its programme with Mozambique, and other major donors and funding agencies followed suit.

A pre-condition for the resumption of aid was an independent audit of Ematum, Proindicus and MAM, and to this end the Mozambican Attorney-General's Office (PGR) hired the London branch of the US Company Kroll Associated, reputedly the top forensic auditing company in the world.

The executive summary of the Kroll audit report was released in June, revealing that the management of the three companies sabotaged the audit. Kroll complained that it had not received full cooperation and that the companies had withheld information. The chairperson of all three companies, Antonio do Rosario, who is a senior officer in the State Security and Intelligence Service (SISE), in a message widely circulated on social media, boasted of obstructing the audit, and even of expelling the auditors from his office.

A team from the IMF is currently visiting Mozambique, and the Kroll audit is certainly among the issues it is discussing with the government. The refusal of the three companies to cooperate fully with the audit makes it unlikely that there will be any early resumption of normal relations between Mozambique and the IMF.

Former Prime Minister Luisa Diogo, questioned by journalists on Wednesday at the same conference, said "the crisis is teaching us to be more rational in handling our resources".

According to "Mediafax", she hoped that government figures involved in the hidden debts "have learnt a lot from this". They would now know "how to prioritise, save and use better for tomorrow".

Diogo was optimistic that the crisis would soon be resolved and that the PGR "will use the information (in the Kroll audit) for what the country needs".

Agriculture

Mozambique links agriculture with fintech

FinComEco

The Institute of Cereals of Mozambique (ICM), responsible for regulating and promoting agricultural production and commercialisation in Mozambique under the remit of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, announced the signing of a collaboration agreement with FinComEco, the fully integrated Financial & Commodities Ecosystem providing services, financing, capacity building and enablement solutions through a venture, linking agriculture to the latest financial technology. The agreement was signed in the presence of Ernesto Max Elias Tonela, Mozambique Minister of Industry and Trade by Mr João Macaringue, Director General of ICM, and Mr Hirander Misra, Deputy Chairman of FinComEco.

The collaboration will develop a range of projects and high-impact initiatives in the agricultural commodity markets sector. ICM, with its Mozambique domain knowledge, country-wide network of warehouses facilitating smallholder farmers, traders and buyers, will deliver commercialisation and operational capabilities. FinComEco will provide the commodity trading platform and electronic warehouse receipts capabilities, as part of the wider FinComEco model. This includes distribution of third-party agri-finance and electronic banking facilitation enabled by scalable technology supported by its partner GMEX Group.

The joint venture, supported by the Mozambique Government, will implement the programme as part of a coordinated effort to create a food reserve capable of filling the national deficit. Through collaborative efforts, both parties will work to drive improvements in food security, economic diversity and financial inclusion through a socially responsible commercial delivery partnership. To support the programme, FinComEco has established FinComEco Mozambique SA as a majority owned special purpose vehicle with local partners. GMEX Group has also acquired a 10% stake in the venture.

The parties will also work with development organisations, governments, research bodies and the private sector to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework, apply effective standards, and provide technical assistance and capacity building.

João Macaringue, Director General of ICM, commented, “The implementation of the operational plan for agricultural marketing (POCA) will deliver on the Presidential initiative to increase production and productivity, for the benefit of our population, to achieve a sustainable agricultural sector.” He added, “The signing of this agreement provides a solid response to POCA and solving the problem of abstraction, transport, storage and distribution. The involved industries will also record all production, whether domestically consumed, exported or stored in reserve for national food security.”

Hirander Misra, Founder and Deputy Chairman of FinComEco and CEO of GMEX Group commented, “This high-impact initiative in Mozambique will facilitate the effective linking of the supply to demand agricultural value chain enabled by best-of-breed technology, standards and inputs (including seeds, fertilisers and pesticides).” He added, “This, coupled with a unique agri-finance business model to solve credit and financing issues underpinned by improvements in logistics and warehousing, will help improve food security and encourage value added agricultural industries and wider trade.”

Political Affairs

Mozambique president redefines competences of Ministry of Transport and Communications

Club of Mozambique

Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi has determined the redefinition of competences of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Mozambique (MTC) in road, air, rail and water transport, according to a statement released today by the Presidency.

The press release notes that the reform of MTC's competencies also covers the port and airport infrastructure, communications and meteorology sectors.

"The presidential decree redefines the nature, powers and competencies of the Ministry of Transport and Communications" in the areas covered, according to the press release. The note does not clarify, however, the scope and limit of the powers and attributions resulting from the redefinition of the Ministry of Transport and Communications's role in relation to the areas covered by the measure.

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Staff protests at Eduardo Mondlane University halt activities

International Trade

Government expands INAE's remit to exports in Mozambique

Energy

Germany to invest in EDM to improve energy in Beluluane

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World Bank and FAO sign forest management agreement in Mozambique
Ambitious targets set for the cashew sector

Transportation

Cuamba/Lichinga estimates 78 000 commuters

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Economic Conference Mozambique-Japan: Reforms boost business cooperation

Economy

Mozambique's June inflation eases to 18.1 percent

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Business News

New shopping mall opens in Mozambique's Pemba
Mozambican company invests 50 million in baking industry
Millennium bim voted "Best Bank of Mozambique 2017"

Mining & Energy

ExxonMobil: Project diversity crucial in downturn, includes Area 4 off Mozambique

Social Development

Maputo hosts youth entrepreneurship training programme
Population and Housing Census: Material allocated to the provinces
Canadian government unveils reproductive health projects in Mozambique

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Public Debt

IMF mission to remain in Mozambique until July 19

International Affairs

Mozambique and Turkey to sign MoU on hydrocarbons

Economy

World Bank grants US\$62M for production of statistics, 2017 population and housing census in Mozambique

Mining & Energy

Triton Minerals shares rise on placement to largest shareholder

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Mozambique: Paving the way towards sustainable forests

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Beer absorbs maize production in central Mozambique

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US aims to support Mozambique in strengthening border security

Economy

Portugal in fifth in value of imports made by Mozambique in 2016

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