



Citizens (women and men) trained to monitor municipal plans and budgets using **social audit** tools and to engage in regular and constructive evidence-based dialogue with municipal government, through **public hearings**

Enhanced skills needed for the management and supervision of public finances and consequently more efficient and transparent public management at decentralized level

Greater engagement between Municipal Council & Assembly and communities and greater government accountability towards citizens

Women and youth in leadership positions within Municipal Assemblies advocate for the interests of their peers and ensure inclusion of pro youth and pro women projects in local plans and budgets

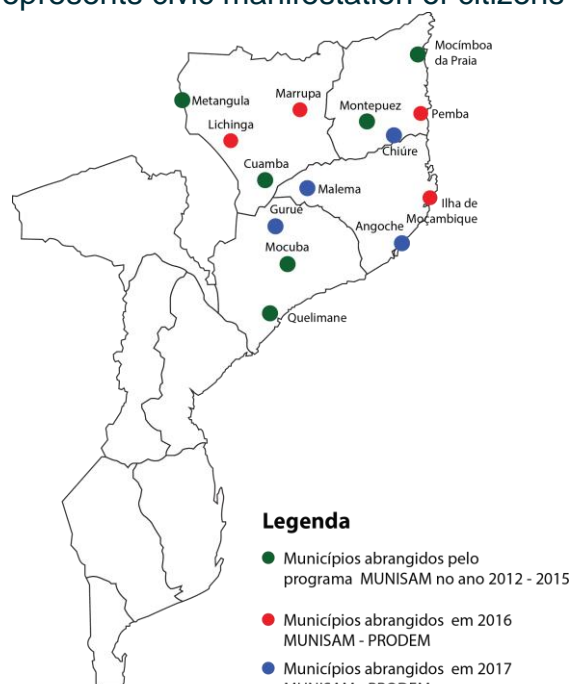
MUNISAM



Municipal Social Accountability Monitoring Program

Implemented, since 2012, by NGO United Purpose (previously known as Concern Universal) in partnership with local Civil Society Organizations in 14 Municipalities of the Central and Northern Mozambique. MuniSAM represents civic manifestation of citizens organized in Social

Accountability Monitoring Committees (SAMComs) and contributes to the materialization of the **right to Social Accountability: the right of citizens to demand explanations and justifications about the use of public resources to satisfy their needs and rights.**



SAMComs: constituted in all target municipalities, by women and men representing all local neighborhoods and elected by the residents of their respective neighborhood. They are headed by a President, a Vice President and a Secretary. SAMCom are organized in subcommittees, formed in accordance with the sectorial areas of the respective Municipal Council. They meet regularly with local authorities, local leaders and communities, serving as a liaison between all actors within the municipality.

MuniSAM approach relies on the **progressive satisfaction of human needs through the responsible use of available public resources**, and its main **objective is to improve the quality of lives of citizens through their participation in public resources management processes.**



To this end, MuniSAM advocates for the institutionalization of citizen-led participation mechanisms, as it believes that in order to ensure sustainability of social accountability actions, it is necessary to produce regulatory norms for interaction and communication between the government and the citizens, driven and facilitated by citizens.

“...We cannot plan one thing and then do another. It is essential to do things with the acknowledgement of citizens, we cannot make decisions alone, we have a duty to explain and justify our decisions, because public resources must be managed transparently. Public hearing is a moment of exchange of advices, not a moment of attack, it is a unique moment for the discussion of ideas between City Council and Civil Society. Here in Mocuba many people already know the role and importance of SAMcoms, they are the link between the citizens and the municipal government, they are a group respected by all, so much so that in the Municipal Assembly they now have the right to speak, this is very important achievement.” (Artur Albino Niriuaca, President of Municipal Assembly of Mocuba)



ABOUT UNITED PURPOSE

- International development organization;
- In Mozambique since 1996, head office in Lichinga, (support offices in Maputo and Chimoio);
- Works in partnership with the Government and local organizations in 6 Provinces: Zambezia, Niassa, Manica, Nampula, Maputo and Cabo Delgado;
- Impact areas: Rights and social accountability, Health and Resilience;
- 10 years of experience in the area of Governance and Social Accountability;
- Its team is composed by 22 collaborators;
- Impacts 120,000 lives per year.

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