



## Memorandum of understanding

for a Partnership for a Management Development  
Program on Urban Sanitation and Water Services  
in Mozambique

between the

**Ministry of Public Works and Housing,  
National Directorate Water**

Municipalities of Chokwe, Inhambane, Maxixe and Xai Xai

and

the Steering Committee

of the Frisian Water and Sanitation project

in four southern cities in Mozambique

November 2010

***Following the Schokland Agreement of 2007 between the Ministry of Development Cooperation and regional water authorities in the Netherlands it was decided that partnerships were sought by the Frisian water authorities with the Mozambican Ministry and municipalities responsible for water and sanitation to help achieve the Millenium Development Goals***

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world's main development challenges. The MDGs are drawn from the actions and targets contained in the Millennium Declaration that was adopted by 189 nations-and signed by 147 heads of state and governments during the UN Millenium Summit in September 2000.

In 2008 a consortium of Frisian Water Partners (Province of Fryslân, Wetterskip Fryslân, Vitens Water Company and its municipalities) have expressed their intention to take responsibility for a joint effort in bringing about change in the eradication of global poverty by formulating a MDG project. Within the policies of the Province MDG 7 was identified as the most appealing Goal to be addressed.

At first instance a so called "Start-up project", focussing on the cities Xai Xai, Chokwe, Inhambane and Maxixe in Mozambique, is realized. This 2 years project will not only result in important output in terms of training and sanitation facilities in these cities, but also enable all parties to gain experience in the cooperation and in the preferred approaches within the project. Within the project technical, financial and capacity building assistance is provided to the four southern municipalities.

The project will contribute to the objectives and intentions as agreed upon between the Mozambican Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the respective cities of Xai Xai, Chokwe, Inhambane and Maxixe in Agreements of Technical Assistance on Sanitation (Acordo de Assisstencia Tecnica nos Servicos de Saneamento).

On 22 May 2010 a Letter of Intent was signed between the National Directorate of Water (DNA) and the Frisian Steering Committee, where both parties expressed their commitment to the partnership.

The project activities will be implemented in close cooperation between all parties involved. The objective of this Memorandum is to guarantee the required involvement of all parties involved. With the signing of this MoU the Frisian partners and the Mozambican partners express their interest and commit themselves to respect their respective responsibilities in the project.

The Frisian partners will:

- construct and deliver sanitation facilities, including school sanitation units, public sanitation units, liquid and solid waste management equipment
- develop and realize hygiene and solid waste awareness campaigns
- provide training and consults on technical, organisational and managerial aspects of sanitation
- provide supervision and guidance in preparing a 5 years strategic plan on sanitation and in preparing an operational plan for the period 2011-2012

The Mozambican municipalities will:

- participate in the advisory committee of the project
- install a sanitation department in 2011
- guarantee participation of staff of the departments concerned in training and consulting activities
- adopt the principle of cost recovery for sanitation and develop funding mechanisms within the municipality (e.g. a tax system)
- revise and implement a by-law on sanitation
- accept responsibility on maintenance, supervision and control of programme investments
- provide office facilities for the project team (municipality of Xai Xai)
- provide assistance in tendering procedures for project investments

The Mozambican National Directorate of Water will:

- participate in the advisory committee of the project
- guarantee participation of staff of the departments concerned in training and consulting activities
- adopt the principle of cost recovery for sanitation and develop policies for the creation of funding mechanisms at the municipal level
- evaluate and use the experiences and results of the project for the development of policies and activities on sanitation

In the spirit of partnership, representatives of the National Directorate of Water and of the cities Xai Xai, Chokwe, Inhambane and Maxixe will act on strategic level as the Advisory Board in Mozambique.

The contribution of the Frisian partners, represented by the Steering Committee in the Netherlands, has been made available for the project by the signing of the Agreement `Schoon Water voor Mozambique` in the Netherlands on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.

According to Clause 14h of this Agreement the Steering Committee has the mandate to sign agreements on cooperation with the Mozambican project partners.

An additional financial contribution has been made available by the Ministry of Development Cooperation in the Netherlands for the period 2010-2011.

Signed on ... November 2010,  
Inhambane, Mozambique

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**For the Municipality of Chokwe**

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**For the Municipality of Inhambane**

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**Mr. Lorenzo Makule, President of the Council**

**For the Municipality of Maxixe**

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**Mr. Narciso Pedro, President of the Council**

**For the Municipality of Xai Xai**

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**Mrs Rita Muianga, President of the Council**

**For the Frisian Steering Committee**

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**Mrs. C.Schokker-Strampel, Deputy of Water Affairs, Province of Fryslân**

