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The Christian Council of Mozambique in Gaza, in partnership with AAMoz, has promoted radio discussions resulting from the training in issues relating to social accountability. Additionally, the radio discussions served as an opportunity to demand improvements in the provision of food and nutritional security services as well as the expansion of HIV services and family planning. Participating in the discussions were the members of associations working in the area of health and agriculture as well as the representatives of the district health and agriculture services. Main concerns that have been raised during the discussions, which also opened space for the listeners to make calls, were related to the improvement of the irrigation system by using a motor pump, use of techniques to improve the production of corn and butter beans to ensure healthy food, as well as to constraints faced in the treatment of HIV and family planning. During the radio discussions, the representative of the district services of agriculture undertook to improve the motor pump, allocate an extensionist to the village of Tchaimite. In turn, the representative of the district health services stated that a fixed service would be established for antiretroviral treatment in the health facility of Tchaimite in replacement of the mobile clinic.

These undertakings are witnessed by the following statements:

My name is **Hortência André Cossa**: "The health facility of Tchaimite did not have a fixed ART service until the year of 2014, when the mobile clinic care on the weekly basis started, i.e., only on Thursdays, and the adherence was totally poor. During the access to ART via mobile clinic, the distribution of drugs was done in public, there was no confidentiality and we did not like that. Other beneficiaries eventually abandoned the treatment."



Hortência André Cossa



Tchaimite Health Facility

"From the end of 2017, we have been having access to fixed ART service locally. When a beneficiary reports to the health facility and shows their card, they immediately receive the medicines. Now they are satisfied with this change."

"We adhere to the treatment because we are well attended, we comply with the treatment. We also get help from the members of co-management and health committees who are the eye of the community. The public discussions and their live broadcast on Chibuto Community Radio have been a tool in the monitoring of Chibuto District Economic Social Plan (PES) and the inclusion of our concerns. "

"And as a member of the health committee, I have been attending training and capacity building on social accountability; I participate in the dissemination of counseling messages, door to door, on the need and advantages of voluntary testing, especially in public places, for example, in churches, schools, markets, as well as in neighborhoods to encourage the reduction of sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, mainly among young people and parents who misunderstand or do not know how important it is to be tested for HIV/AIDS as well as making Family Planning. "

"My name is **Adelaide Albino Macamo**, I am 50 years old, and I live in Mukhotwene. I am a member of the Josina Machel Association, which consists currently of 15 members of whom 14 are women and one is a man. In our Association, each member works their plot where we grow corn and butter beans.

The past agricultural season was not good due to the damage of the motor pump that we use in the irrigation system and lack of assistance from the extension worker. Despite this, we did not stop working, we insisted on corn and beans in the form of rain-fed agriculture, but it did not work out.



Adelaide Albino Macamo

But now we are satisfied with the support of the extensionist who has brought us great technical training of which changes are visible compared to previous ways of production. At the end of 2017, we introduced sweet potato in an experimental phase and is still growing, we started with the cabbage using new agricultural techniques (spacing)"

“**Fátima Sambane**, unrevealed age, lives in Tchaimite, a member of **Tivaku Rima** and **Kuxeula** Association, consisting of 62 members, started by growing mangoes and beans in a portion of 12 hectares. Later on, with the help of the extensionist, we began to produce diverse vegetables such as sweet potatoes, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, kale, with a focus on tomato.

In 2017 we extend the cultivation space to 8 hectares where we grow more corn and sweet potatoes. In this work, we have a strong support from the extensionist who taught us how to fertilize the land with the common bean plant mixed with the excrement of bovine cattle. I notice a great advance with the work of the extensionist because we have cultures at any moment. The results from the production were good.

“In regard 2018 plan, we have 1 hectare of maize and we expect to harvest at the end of February.



Fátima Sambane

Paineta Lote Zucula, 52 years old, lives in Maniquiniqui

“After attending radio discussions on the PES of Chibuto District and participatory governance, we had a meeting in our Association on what to do exactly. We decided to cultivate 8 hectares: 1 hectare of tomato, 3 hectares of beans, 1 hectare of onion, 1 hectare of okra. This was all during the winter, and we also planted 1 hectare of sweet potato.”

“We had money from selling tomato and we deposited 21,000 MT in the bank. When we sell, we take a part of the income and buy seeds and another is deposited in the account of the association Koma Switia Maniquiniqui. The remaining value we share among ourselves. The bean harvest was huge and we sold a portion and deposited the money into our bank account. The remaining portion of beans we are still selling and we had a shortcoming in the



Paineta Lote Zucula

production of sweet potato because a big portion of it rotted due to lack of clients. In our field, with the help of an extension worker, we make plans before we start farming so that we know which crop to plant.”

“In order to do this, we divide the field in the middle, one portion belongs to the Association and we divide the other portion among the members of the Association for their livelihood, and the

production thereof belongs to each one of them. I am using my income for my construction which is now at the main beam, I have only managed to finish a bedroom but I would like to have another bedroom, a sitting room and a balcony completed. We have a great gain because we save the money, and on the day we receive it we already know what to do.”