

Our partners begin the preparation for the year end. With just over 8 months from the beginning of the project and with an extensive list of learning we continue to celebrate our small-scale results. All of them built with effort and awareness that we only have started, but still we are creating strong roots and stable references for the sustainable economic development of Mozambique. We are ready to grow. Let's all go together! Moving Forward!

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LATEST MONTHS:



Samples of the organic products from COOPAREC (Chipembe Regadio Cooperative Producers).



Engineers Betinha Ribeiro, Pro Natura Internacional coordinator, and Adriana Otutumi, from Africarte, at the Agricultural Fair organized for the launch of the Agricultural Campaign 2018/2019.



Members from COOPAREC (Chipembe Regadio Cooperative Producers) at the Agricultural Fair organized by the Government for the opening of the season and visit from the Mozambique President, Mr. Filipe Nyusi.



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Africarte Certificates being handled - Food Security Workshop.

# VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE CHIPEMBE FARM PILOT PROJECT

On October 25, 2018, at Farm Chipembe, the Agricultural Campaign of 2018 and 2019 was launched with the presence of the President of the Republic of Mozambique, Mr. Filipe Nyusi.



Launch of Agricultural Campaign 2018/2019 with Mr Filipe Nyusi, Mozambique's President.

In his speech, he stressed the importance of increasing agricultural production in order to reduce the import of food and at the same time contribute to ending hunger. He also calls his main goal as "zero hunger".



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Workshop - Food Security

With the coordination of the engineer from Pro Natura, Ms. Betinha, and the essential support of our strong team: Adriana, the enginner from Africarte, Sunera, the enginner from UP, and Mr. Herculano from AMPCM, we guaranteed the participation of the Chipembe Regadio Producers' Cooperative in the Agricultural Fair organized by the local government. There that we had the visit of the President, who showed satisfaction in knowing our advances, having been presented with our great beets.



President of Mozambique, Mr. Filipe Nyusi, at the COOPAREC's booth with or coordinator Engineer Betinha.

Our farmers were able to successfully expose the following products, being the only ones in the fair offering organic products:

### ✓ TOMATO



### ✓ SPINACH AND CHARD



### ✓ ONION



- **✓** LETTUCE
- **✓** GREEN BEAN
- **✓** BEAT



Beet was the most sought and exclusive product from the Cooperative, being a vegetable of high content of nutrition and great demand in the market. The event has motivated our farmers to aim for more marketing, commercialization and reach a greater knowledge of the market.

## GUY REINAUD RURAL CENTER FOR AGROECOLOGY

Our rural center is being erected with collective body and soul.



Guy Reinaud Rural Center for Agroecology - Magaia Village.

The soul of the Rural Center is based on the inspiration of Mr. Guy Reinaud who has dedicated his life to Agroecology in Africa for decades.



Beginning of the construction of the Guy Reinaud Rural Center for Agroecology.

Also, in this sense, our special thanks to Africarte, who created the concept of the Living School, which honors the following principles that will be the foundation of the Rural Center:

LIFE — represents in a way everything that is alive, taking into consideration its ecological, economic, social and cultural importance. Trying to know what each living component consumes to stay alive, since exists a lot of conflict between beings that consume the same source of food.



Closing of ceremony for the construction opening of Guy Reinaud Rural Center for Agroecology.

ACTIVITY — all activities linked to the land must occur respecting the preservation of their environment in a balance between environmental, social and artificial, not only thinking of exploring existing resources coming from the land, but considering the present and the future. Any activity that Escola Viva is to apply, study or deepen should seek local solutions even if ideas come from outside, analysing their strengths and weaknesses, seeking to give more LIFE to the main object of the activity. The essential focus is nature itself, since it is wise enough to direct us in any circumstance with simple and practical solutions on how to take the next steps.

INTERACTION — any action must be interactive as it does in nature between plants, animals, natural phenomena, non-living beings and among each other. The interaction must occur between man and nature in their agricultural field and nature around, among farmers, seeking joint ideas and beneficial for all in promoting improvement in the quality of life and health for society. The function of a food educator is rescued and, finally, the interaction of the farmer with the market or within the local economy and the environment in search of financial stability.



Engineer Betinha Ribeiro, from Pro Natura, during the ceremony of the launch of cornerstone at the Guy Reinaud Rural Center for Agroecology.



Mr. Mamed Sacuri, leader at the Magaia Village, at the ceremony of the cornerstone launch at the Rural Center work site.

**RESULT** — this should be positive not only in a component, but also on the inclusive result, from the environmental point of view, physical health, satisfaction of some local need in the community and its economy. Being the results successfully achieved it is our duty to disseminate them in order to spread these knowledge and good examples for social and economic transformation and evolution



Construction team at the Rural Center.

With soul represented by the strong principles of the Living School, let us move to the "body". The Guy Reinaud Rural Center, that will be the headquarters of the cooperative, is being built by partner Mr. Zaquir, who, in September, began the construction with a respectful ceremony of launching the cornerstone with the presence of government representatives and local leaders, who blessed the beginning of the construction.

The construction continues with the enrolment of the community and it is already possible to observe its circular form, designed to not forget the cycles of nature, human and economic development.

## BEGINNING OF THE EXPANSION OF HORTCULTURE.



COOPAREC Coperative Producers and harvest joy.

In August 2018, with the visit of the Director from Pro Natura, Fabiane Turisco, responsible for the Program, the first phase of training of the producers, validation of the Productive Model Unit and the beginning of the expansion activities were concluded. Already at that moment, the great highlight of organic beets was perceived.



Fabiane Luise Turisco, executive diretor at Pro Natura International.

The kitchen gardens of the community leaders have been initiated so they can strengthen their example and best practices of production and food, incorporated into the daily life of community life.



Production site at the COOPAREC Cooperative.



Ms Suzana, cooperative producer, enjoying the harvesting.



COOPAREC Cooperatives and Engineer Betinha Ribeiro at the Food Security Workshop, tasting the beet recipe.



COOPAREC Cooperative working at the planting area



COOPAREC Cooperatives Producers with Bielda Fernandes, from Agreenova and Betinha, from Pro Natura International.

# THE REBIRTH OF COOPERATIVES - A SPECIAL MESSAGE WE RECEIVED FORM AMPCM

The Executive Director, Mr. Cecílio Valentim, from the AMPCM - Mozambican Association for the Promotion of Modern Cooperativism, thanks PRO NATURA International for choosing our association to implement the first pilot in the Province of Cabo Delgado and together create the first modern Cooperative in the District of Balama. It is undoubtedly the birth of one of the most promising agricultural projects that the province of Cabo Delgado can witness and which involves the producers of the community of Magaia, who are simultaneously the members, partners, owners, customers and suppliers of the Cooperative of Chipembe Regadio Producers (COOPAREC, LDA).

The District Government has already expressed its interest of having the support of the AMPCM to create more cooperatives for the most varied sectors and businesses, because the Cooperatives are the Micro, Small and Medium Companies whose members come together to solve all their social, economic and cultural limitations (access to water, energy, education, housing, inputs, financing, market, supply capacity, increase of income and wealth of the cooperative and the solution of all or part of the social problems of the group).

The visit of the President of the Republic on 10/25/2018 (Launching of the 2018/2019 agricultural campaign), and the encouragement that it was given to the members of COOPAREC should constitute an opportunity for the cooperative to reaffirm itself in the market of the province of Cabo Delgado and in turn embrace part of the market share of vegetables with spotlight for comparative advantage in organic products of higher production, such as beet and carrot, that when increased, can be supplied to the Mega Projects in the Province.

## CREATION OF CHIPEMBE REGADIO COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS' LOGO

The cooperatives have forwarded us one picture from the Chipembe Regadio, suggesting that this should be the idea to develop their logo. With just this picture, see below, our partner, Michel Costa, created this beautiful logo, that in a simple way was so assertive. One more gain for the cooperatives towards the development of its market.







CHIPEMBE REGADIO
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS

### TIME DE GESTÃO PRO NATURA:

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