CHIMOIO: MOZAMBIQUE

COUNTRY: Mozambique

START DATE: December 2007

FUNDING: $555,000 – WADA
$325,000 – Coca-Cola Sabco (Mozambique) Sarl
$500,000 – USAID/Mozambique
$337,000 – Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs/FIPAG
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KEY PARTNERS:
• Coca-Cola Sabco (Mozambique) Sarl – local Coca-Cola bottler
• USAID/Mozambique
• Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Development Cooperation
• FIPAG – The Government of Mozambique Urban Water Investment Program
• Vitens – The Netherlands’ largest water company

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY:
• Rehabilitating a dilapidated water treatment system to improve the quantity and quality of the municipal water supply, serving the city of Chimoio and its industries

BENEFICIARIES:
• 25,000 people benefiting from expanded water access, including 12 schools, one provincial hospital, and one secondary health facility
• Coca-Cola Sabco (Mozambique) Sarl continuing production in Chimoio

ALLIANCE OBJECTIVES:
• Water Supply and Sanitation Services
  - Renovating the TextAfrica water treatment system including replacing pumps, installing new intakes and a mobile treatment unit, and rehabilitating the water distribution main
  - Constructing a transportation main to connect treated water flowing from the new TextAfrica plant to a municipal reservoir
  - Working in collaboration with a local water company to build capacity for sustainable water delivery

A SHARED COMMITMENT TO EXPANDED WATER SUPPLY

In Chimoio, Mozambique, the Water and Development Alliance (WADA) combines the resources of local and international public and private entities to address the city’s urgent water needs. At present, only 10-15 percent of Chimoio’s 250,000 residents are served by an inconsistent and inadequately-treated water supply posing serious public health risks and constraining local industrial and commercial growth.

To meet this challenge, WADA is collaborating with partners including USAID/Mozambique, Sabco Sarl (the local Coca-Cola bottler), FIPAG, the Government of Mozambique Urban Water Investment Program, and Vitens, the Netherlands’ largest water company, in order to renovate a dilapidated former textile factory’s water treatment system located on the outskirts of Chimoio, improve water delivery management and develop cost-recovery policies to ensure system sustainability.

The project’s support of expanded water supply in Chimoio benefits 25,000 residential consumers, 12 schools, one provincial hospital, one secondary health facility, and local industrial and commercial users – including the Coca-Cola Sabco plant which currently risks suspending operations due to lack of reliable water supply.

The project’s shared benefits have only been possible through the significant financial and in-kind commitment from both public and private sources. Coca-Cola Sabco’s contribution facilitates the bottling plant’s own production while helping alleviate Chimoio’s overall urban water shortage. FIPAG provides project coordination consistent with its broader efforts to improve urban water supply delivery for both domestic and economic uses. International donors, including USAID and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, help finance the project, while a globally recognized water company, Vitens, provides important technical oversight and guidance. Through this collaboration, WADA partners are achieving a significant improvement to water supply infrastructure in the region that will provide long-term benefits to a diverse array of water users.

This investment is complemented by WADA support to another project in Chimoio which is rehabilitating boreholes and bringing new water supply to an additional 10,000 peri-urban poor residents.