



# MINE ACTION & THE **UN** IN MOZAMBIQUE 1992-2002

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# Objectives of **P**resentation

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- 1. BACKGROUND TO **UN** INVOLVEMENT**
- 2. PROGRAM INTERVENTIONS**
- 3. CAPACITY BUILDING**
- 4. FUTURE ROLE**



# Historical Background

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- **Rome General Peace Agreement (1992)**
  
- **At cessation of hostilities Mozambique a War-Torn Society with:**
  - **Severe Drought & Famine**
  - **5-6 million displaced persons**
  - **Mozambique 6<sup>th</sup> largest country in Africa**
  - **Total collapse of physical infrastructure**
  - **Landmines placed in 123/128 districts during 26 years of conflict**



# Historical Background

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- **UN Operation in Mozambique (1992-94)**
  - **ONUMOZ** Responsible for implementation of GPA Protocols related to:
    - Repatriation of approximately 5-6 million displaced
    - Humanitarian Relief for 7-8 million people
    - Demobilization & Disarmament of 110,000 combatants
    - Organize First National Multiparty Elections
  - All of this was to be done in **12 months!!**
  - Realization of these goals hampered by presence of landmines & UXOs by access/mobility issues
  - Mozambique represented one of the UN's first major Peacebuilding exercise where coordination between demilitarization (**Blue Helmets**) and humanitarian relief (**WFP, UNHCR, etc**) was to fall under one agency (**UNOCHA**)
  - 1992-1994 focus of mine action was on clearing core transportation arteries to facilitate the movement of goods and people to help rebuild the social and physical infrastructure of Mozambique as quickly as possible.



# UN Program Interventions

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- **Accelerated Demining Programme (1994-)**
  - Establishment of Training School & Indigenous Capacity
  - Full presentation to follow by Mr. Jackie D’Almeida
  
- **National Demining Commission (1997-99)**
  - Government Agency Tasked with Managing ONUMOZ database on Mine Action turned over
  - Provision of technical assistance to help with information, database management, and overall operational affairs
  
- **Emergency Flood Project (2000-01)**
  - Response to 2000 & 2001 Floods
  - Provision of Technical Advisor
  
- **National Demining Institute (2000-04)**
  - IND is the successor to the CND as explained by Mr. Verissimo
  - Multi-Donor, Multi-Year Capacity Building Project established in 2000 to immediately strengthen IND & build long-term sustainable capacity at the Institute
  - Technical Assistance in Departments of Operations, Plans, Information, Database, Finance & Administration
  - Assisting IND in strengthen overall ability to coordinate, plan, and manage mine action by providing training and guidance at the strategic planning, institutional, and individual levels
  - Focus and rationale based on new global UN interventions such as the universal adoption of the Landmine Impact Survey, IMSMA, IMAS, and the use of ICTs; all of which require advanced technical training



## Future UN Role

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- **UN Development Assistance Framework 2002-2006**
  - Joint Mozambique – UN Planning Process
  - Poverty Reduction Targets Supported via and integrated mine action program
  - Mine Action viewed as a core cross-cutting objective of UNDAF
  - In concert with GoM, UN will continue to promote and mobilize resource for Mine Action
  
- **Ottawa Treaty Process**
  - Supporting resource mobilization for Stockpile Destruction and its timely conclusion
  - Article 7 Reporting
  
- **Donor Coordination**
  - Continue good collaboration with Government of Mozambique (IND)
  - 13 Donor Countries Participate & Contribute to Mine Action
  - Multi-Year Commitments (eg: Canada, Denmark, & France)
  - Work with Donors on exit strategies to ensure medium term resources remain available



# Questions & Comments

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**Thank You & *Obrigado.***