

FEMOZ NEWS

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FEMOZ KICK-OFF WORKSHOP

FEMOZ HAS STARTED!

On April 16th, 2021, researchers from the ITT and other FEMOZ's partner institutions and different stakeholders gathered digitally to discuss the challenges and pathways to strengthening the rural food environments in Mozambique. The gathering was FEMOZ's first official event hosted by the partner University Eduardo Mondlane and co-organized by the ITT.

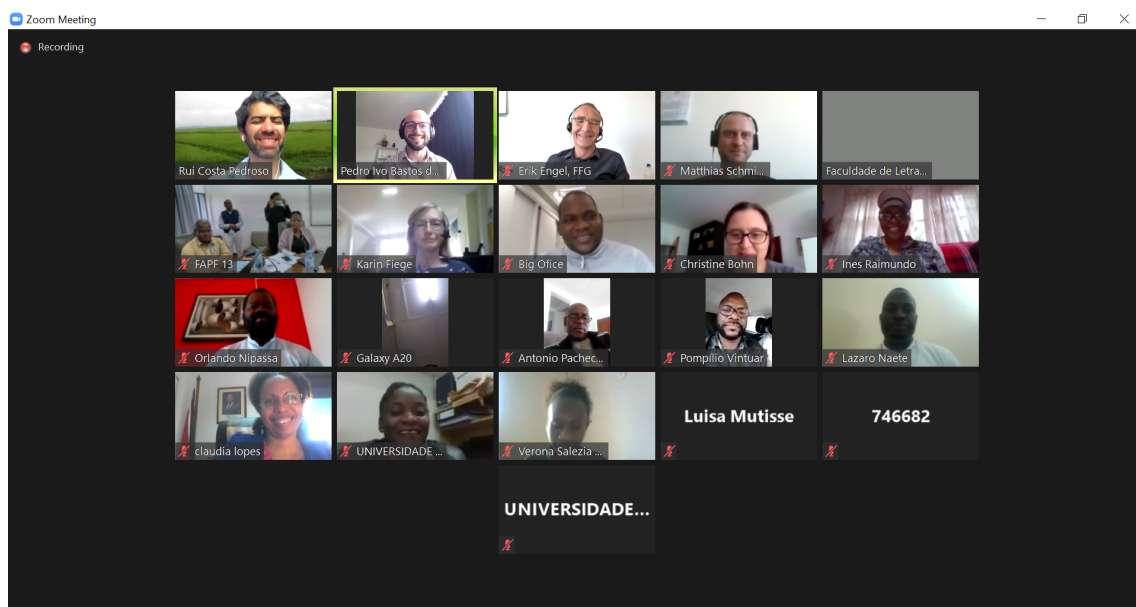
Special attention was given to understand the main dimensions of food environments and presenting the Living Lab FEMOZ approach for co-research towards strengthening the resilience of rural food environments in the context of disaster risk and climate change. Furthermore, FEMOZ's partners, local institutions, and stakeholders of the study regions Maputo, Sofala, and Nampula gathered in different brainstorming sessions to get to know each other, discuss the region's challenges, and start planning the implementation and execution of the FEMOZ research plan.

The FEMOZ Kick-Off workshop was attended by important Mozambican guests representing the FEMOZ partner institutions such as the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN), the National Disaster Risk Management Institute (INGD), the University of Rovuma. Several other Mozambican NGO partners were present as well. The German Federal Office of Agriculture and Food (Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung) was also represented.

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FEMOZ LIVING LABS

WE DO CO-RESEARCH

The first FEMOZ Living Lab (LL) took place on June 16, 2021. The FEMOZ co-research component started by presenting, discussing, revising the research instruments for the coming survey. It was a great atmosphere and a rewarding experience.

On June 23, 2021, FEMOZ continued its Living Lab (LL) sessions started by presenting. In this session, FEMOZ researchers and stakeholders deepened the discussion about research instruments on the household surveys, food value chains, and market analysis.

Participating were, besides the core FEMOZ partners, the Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition SETSAN, the National Institute for Management and Reduction of Disaster Risks (INGD), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Network of Food Sovereignty Organizations (ROSA), the Rural Mutual Aid Association (ORAM), the Association for Sustainable Development (ABIODES); the National Sustainable Development Fund (FNDS); and the National Union of Peasants (UNAC).

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, all the first FEMOZ LL events took place online.

FEMOZ is the first ITT project to implement a “Living Lab” (LL) as the project’s cornerstone for a long-term R&D participatory strategy with the consortium partners and stakeholders

The FEMOZ LL is a user-centered, open-innovation platform for co-research and co-development of knowledge and innovative problem solutions with FEMOZ stakeholders, in the field of Food Environments and Food Systems, for positive outcomes of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN).

The FEMOZ LL includes a Science-Policy-Society Interface (SPSI) emphasizing the dissemination and exploitation of project results based on the exchange of evidence within the Living Lab with individuals who can influence policy decisions affecting the food environments and food systems. Another component of the LL is the Capacity Development Hub (CDH), aiming at the exploitation of results in training and capacitation of key stakeholders, assuring deep-scaling of results through the joint development of guidelines, capacity development measures, and transformative learning.