

PROLINNOVA–Mozambique 2011 Summary Report

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In 2011, the PROLINNOVA–Mozambique network conducted the following:

1. Participation in IPW 2011

PROLINNOVA–Mozambique's national coordinator, Ms Gilda Fafitine, and Nelson Mesquita, Gaza Higher Polytechnical Institute Gaza, took part in the PROLINNOVA International Partners Workshop in Dar es Salaam and Morogoro, Tanzania, in March 2011.

2. Completion of report on HAPID

Gilda Fafitine and Romuald Rutazihana (International Livestock Centre for Africa – Mozambique) contributed to finalising the synthesis report on the HAPID (HIV and Participatory Innovation Development) work in Gaza Province (see <http://www.prolinnova.net/hapid>).

3. One approved joint proposal by CIC-Batá/ PROLINNOVA–Mozambique

Initially, PROLINNOVA–Mozambique drafted a concept note with Mariana Wongtschowski's support. The concept note was then presented to CIC-Batá (Centre for Initiatives through Cooperation), which decided to incorporate it into a bigger proposal submitted to ICO Foundation, Spain (www.fundacionico.es). The PROLINNOVA–Mozambique network activities funded under this programme include:

- Organising one workshop on local innovation in Southern Province;
- Identifying, documenting and disseminating local innovations in Gaza and Maputo Provinces;
- Promoting joint experimentation and participatory innovation development by farmers and research institutions;
- Organising one workshop to work on the network's Strategic Plan;
- Promoting food sovereignty at local level.

4. Participation in the international “ENLACE D” meeting, Córdoba, Spain

The event Enlace D Enlazando Culturas held in Córdoba, Spain, on 17–25 November 2011 (www.cicbata.org/?q=node/498) brought together many people from different cultures and countries. The main objective was for participant organisations to share experiences on the practical use of tools and methods for community education and communication.

Participants from nine countries, including Mozambique, were drawn from different backgrounds: socio-cultural activists, schoolteachers, networks and NGO members.

PROLINNOVA–Mozambique presented its work through a display of pictures and agricultural products locally processed by farmers using affordable technology. The pictures showed:

- Local innovations in making a biopesticide, an ox-cart with wooden wheels, an improved stove (fuel-saving stove), nursery baskets made of grass, and a mulching technology;
- Processed agricultural products: cassava flour, tapioca, dried cassava, baobab fruit and vegetables.

PROLINNOVA–Mozambique’s national coordinator, Ms Gilda Fafitine, also gave a brief presentation on the network’s background and its other activities.