

# Mozambique

## I. What was achieved?

- In Mozambique, the environment ministry together with the planning ministry jointly contributed to poverty reduction by enabling a community to halt environmental degradation at the local level

### *How was it achieved?*

- As part of PEI support to the Ministry of Planning & Development and the Ministry for Environmental Affairs, a pilot project was initiated to address specific environmental problems identified by a local community in the town of Madal in Mozambique. The problem was that during the rainy season, homes and roads were often washed away with severe impacts on livelihoods. The team helped the local community to identify its root cause which was soil erosion, and then supported the community to take remedial action. By planting trees and stabilising the banks of the river, soil erosion was significantly reduced. On seeing the results, the PEI project coordinator in MICOA, the environment agency, stated that, “People can solve their environmental problems with local initiatives if people are well informed and trained because they then have a positive, proactive attitude and can see the benefits to their well-being.” One of the beneficiaries of the project said, “The initiative awoke awareness amongst villagers on environmental protection and a better perception on how environmental degradation can affect income generation.”

