

# EXPERIENCE OF THE EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (RDPI) IN EMERGENCY ECD IMPLEMENTATION



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# 1. Identity of the RDPI and its achievements



The Rede para o Desenvolvimento da Primeira Infancia (RDPI) is Network for Early Childhood Development, a national NGO, collective, private, non-profit, humanitarian, endowed with legal personality, administrative, financial and patrimonial autonomy.

Consisting of forty-five (45) institutions, including

National (28)

International (10)

Academies (2) and

Religious (5).

Established in 2014 on the initiative of ZIZILE and with the support of OSISA and UNICEF.

We are part of the pre-school National technical group made up of several ministries and other key partners in the ECD in Mozambique and we are part of the following platforms and :

MEPT and ROSC

AfCEN

SANEC

TRANAC and SANEC

Aflatoun International - implements social and financial education.



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## 1.1 Main areas and achievements

1.1.1 Advocacy and Lobby in Early Childhood for changing public policies with the Government, parliamentarians and society in general materialized through:

An ECD defense strategy;

Two round tables on increasing Investment in ECD;

Two Provincial DPI Conferences;

Production and dissemination of Communication and Education Materials;

Promotion of events such as play fair and baby week.

1.1.2 Development of Skills of members and relevant actors in:

Early Childhood Development Science

ECD in Emergency

Project management

Prevention of Child Exploitation and Abuse

Documentation and Research



## 2. Background of RDPI Intervention in ECD in Emergency

- Mozambique is affected by several natural disasters such as floods, droughts, cyclones and earthquakes, some of which are cyclical and others are occasional.
- Mozambique also has semi-arid and arid areas where rainfall is not sufficient for agriculture and there is a water deficit throughout the year.
- In addition to climate-related catastrophes, a large part of the national territory rests on tectonic faults, thus being subject to earthquakes, mainly in the Mozambique Channel.
- As a way of preparing ourselves to intervene in situations of natural disasters, RDPI has been preventively training member organizations in emergency DPI.

### 3. Early childhood development (ECD) training in emergency



- In January 2019, UNICEF conducted training on Emergency ECD for its partners in Mozambique. RDPI participated with 6 representatives who, after training, carried out three replications, namely:
  - i) The first, in Beira-Sofala as part of the response to cyclone IDAI, between 17-19 April 2019. The organizations ESSOR, Terre des Hommes Italy, MUODJO Association, ADESSO Association and their partners participated in this training.
  - ii) The second took place in Maputo, at the RDPI offices, on the 23rd of April.
  - iii) The third, also took place at the RDPI offices, in the city of Maputo, on the 24th and 25th of July 2019.
- The general topics of the 03 training courses were: 1) Concepts of comprehensive care in early childhood, 2) Presentation of the ECD kit in an emergency; 3) Working with young children aged 0-5 years in an emergency context; 4) Creation of stories, books and other materials for children's learning; 5) Planning of activities; 6) Implementation of the emergency ECD kit; 7) Monitoring and evaluation of children's progress and self-evaluation of caregivers. In total, 77 members and partners of the RDPI participated in the 03 training sessions, 37 women and 40 men, who had a workload of 8 hours per session, between three and five days.



- RDPI Members during the ECD emergency train)




- 3 - ECD Emergency Kit



## 4. Members of the RDPI respond to the ECD in an emergency in the in the center and south of Mozambique

Member organizations of the RDPI as a result of the training promoted by UNICEF for its partners including the RDPI on Early Childhood Development in an Emergency context, the organization Terre des Homme Italia, provided assistance to children victims of Cyclone IDAI in 2019 in Sofala province, Dondo-Mandruze district.



For this purpose, RDPI with the support of UNICEF made available two (02) (ECD emergency kits that allowed the creation of two safe spaces for the assistance of at least two thousand (2000) children.





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# Cyclone Freedy Impact

In February 2023, due to Cyclone Freedy, there were floods caused by heavy rain and increased discharges at the Pequenos Libombos Dam in the South and Central Zone of Mozambique.



Several families, houses were displaced, agricultural crops destroyed, roads and bridges were damaged in the South Zone and Center of Mozambique.



For example, in the District of Boane, in the Province of Maputo, children only returned to school in March and some families are still returning.

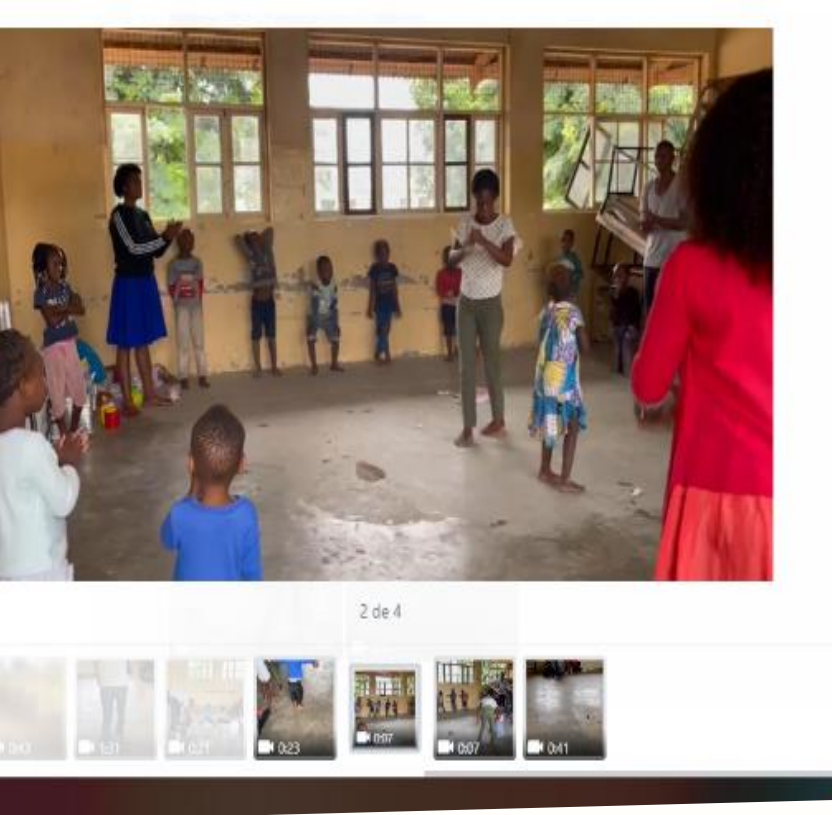


The children only returned to school in March and meanwhile the member organizations of the RDPI, namely ADDESSO, APC - Projeto Cidadão and Associação CHAPATECA, are developing various activities of psychosocial, pedagogical, recreation, counseling for women on family planning, games and other methodologies centered on children and families, delivery of diapers, books and teaching materials for children and families victims of disasters in Maputo province, Boane district and other activities based on the KIT on ECD in Emergency.



- Pictures ( TDHI) - Safe spaces for children in emergency ECD activities in Sofala- Buzi - Madrize





Boane - Maputo Province

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