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ALT in Nampula brings together young people and academics to reflect on Mozambique's 48 years of independence

- Within the scope of the Social Cohesion Program in Northern Mozambique, the CDD promoted last June, at the Nampula office, a debate on the theme: "48 years of (in)dependence: prospects and challenges of Mozambican youth".

CDD **ALT** ACADEMIA **Liderança** Transformacional APRESENTA:

48 ANOS DE (IN)DEPENDÊNCIA: PERSPECTIVAS E DESAFIOS DA JUVENTUDE MOÇAMBICANA

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The event aimed to engage and awaken young people to participate in the life of the country as fundamental actors in promoting positive structural changes and transformations for socioeconomic development.

The debate was attended by young students,

academics, journalists and social activists. Daniel Virgílio Daniel, a young journalist, said that despite Mozambique celebrating 48 years of independence, several challenges persist, such as violations of fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic and other legal instruments.

Andrea da Costa, a social activist, argues that independence should be rethought since Mozambique still lives in constant dependence at all levels. “We also have to reflect on the levels of corruption, nepotism and violation of fundamental rights enshrined in the various legal instruments, national and international”.

For Sismo Muchaiabande, a social activist, all Mozambicans must fight for independence through the liberation of the mind, incorporating principles, ethical and moral values that promote an environment of peace, freedom and development”.

“Mozambique’s independence is still utopian, from the point of view of freedoms. Many of us are still afraid to demand our rights as citizens. We are afraid of being killed or even harmed in different ways”, defended the young student Osvaldo Ligonha.



Prof. Doctor Arcénico Cuco, academic



Andrea da Costa, activist social



Daniel Virgílio, member of the ALT



Osvaldo Ligonha, university student



Sismo Muchaiabande, social activist from APAADEC

Prof. Arcenio Cuco explained that the independence process had different paths and detours that, in part, brought different results. “And one of them is this possibility of being able to sit down to discuss this topic. Therefore, youth must continue the struggles that our national liberation fighters started, using peace tools such as dialogue and mass partici-

pation in decision-making processes and spaces. Independence is an ongoing struggle and cannot, at any time, be considered as a finished process”.

The Social Cohesion Program in Northern Mozambique is implemented by the CDD, in consortium with the MASC Foundation and IESE, with financial support from the Swiss Embassy.

Youths are challenged to think about freedom from the perspective of responsibilities

On the 8th of July, a debate was held on “Youth responsibility and challenges in the context of violent extremism in Mozambique”. The event was attended by university professors, a representative of the Provincial Commander of the PRM – Nampula, activists and young people from the ALT.

The debate took place at a time when attacks by violent extremists are taking place in Cabo Delgado and the Provincial Commander of the PRM announced that 40 to 50 young people are recruited daily in Nampula to swell the ranks of the terrorists.

Faced with the recruitment of young people, Henriques Daniel Kumeu challenged young people to be conscious actors, endowed with patriotism, and moral and ethical values to contribute to security in the country.

Prof. Dr. Felizardo António Pedro, a university lecturer, stressed the importance of Mozambican youth thinking about freedom from the

perspective of responsibilities. ALT young people consider it important that youth have opportunities to participate in development processes so that they avoid joining initiatives that destabilize Mozambique.

Felton Xavier, a member of the ALT, understands that Mozambique must have a project as a country. “The youth need to understand what they want and what the country has as a project. Since independence, what has been observed is that whenever there is a change of leaders there is also a new project”.

Varela Basílio Félix, a social activist, argues that universities should encourage students to develop entrepreneurial skills and abilities. Daniel Vergílio, another member of the ALT, argues that communication should be focused on mobilizing young people to become actors in preventing and combating violent extremism and promoting social cohesion.





Prof. Dr. Felizardo António Pedro, University Lecturer.



Henriques Daniel Kumeo, representative of the Provincial Commander of PRM-Nampula.



Felton Xavier, ALT Transformational Leader



Daniel Virgílio, transformational leader of ALT



Varela Basílio Félix, social activist .



Panel composed by Prof. Felizardo, Prof. Cuckoo and PRM representative

Young people dialogue about youth civic participation

The debate took place on the 22nd of July at the CDD offices in Nampula and was attended by young people from political parties, university students, social activists, journalists and students of General Secondary Education (ESG). The aim was to reflect on the challenges and opportunities for youth political participation in the context of the closure of civic space and the exclusion of young people from decision-making processes.

Young people were challenged to be more active and dynamic in the struggle to promote their rights and duties to build a just, free, inclusive and cohesive society.

The event was promoted by ALT within the scope of the "Social Cohesion" Program implemented by CDD, as part of its efforts for the development and pacification of the northern region of the country.



Felton Xavier, young leader of ALT



Gaspar Jorge, President of the CDJ in Nampula



Jeremias Joaquim, President of the Renamo Youth League in Nampula



Palmira Revula, CDD and ALT Coordinator



Ancha Albertino, ESG student



Zacarias Manuel, social activist



Paschal Judgment, university student



Carmen At á sio, ESG Student



Osvaldo Ligonha , university student



Young people from ALT participate in spaces and decision-making processes

Young people from the ALT participated in the 2nd ordinary session of the Municipal Assembly of the city of Nampula, held on the 18th of July. Of the various items on the agenda, the highlight is the presentation and appreciation of the report by the President of the Municipal Council on the main achievements of his executive.

This event reinforced young people's knowledge about the functioning of local authorities, namely how the municipality is managed and the supervision carried out by the Municipal Assembly. It was an experience for young people to raise their awareness of the importance of citizenship and participation in local development processes.



ALT family photo



Paulo Vahanle, Mayor of the city of Nampula



Mussa Bin Bique University Rectory

The meeting took place on the 2nd of August and the ALT was represented by the Provincial Coordinator of CDD in Nampula, Palmira Revula. Mussa Bin Bique University was represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Doctor Mussena Abdallah Amade, and by directors of faculties.

Mussa Bin Bique University expressed its willingness to collaborate and support the ALT within its capabilities.

This activity is part of the presentation of the ALT to several relevant institutions and actors for the maximization of efforts/complementarity.






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