



AFTER CABO DELGADO AND NIASSA

# Nampula hosts the first meeting of the Provincial Coordination Group on the Social Cohesion Program in Northern Mozambique



**A**fter Niassa and Cabo Delgado hosted the first meetings of the Provincial Coordination Group for the implementation of the Social Cohesion Program in these provinces, now it was Nampula's turn to hold the first meeting on the 8th of March. The event was attended by a heterogeneous audience composed of representatives of the provincial government, district and municipal governments, with emphasis on the Administrator of the District of Moma, the Mayor of Angoche and the respective Chairman of the Municipal Assembly, the private sector and local civil society organizations. In Nampula, the Social Cohesion Program activities will be implemented in Moma and Angoche districts.

Prior to the meeting, the implementing partners of the program, namely CDD, MASC and IESE, and the funding partner, Swiss Cooperation, had courtesy meetings with the Governor

of Nampula Province, Manuel Rodrigues, the German Cooperation Representative in Nampula, the Coordination Unit for the Integrated Development of Nampula (UCODIN) and the NIWANANE Association.

The Governor of Nampula welcomed the Social Cohesion Program and highlighted that it is coherent with the Five-Year Program of the Government (2020-2024) in the democratic participation component. According to him, the program can help correct the asymmetries in the northern region of Mozambique. The province of Nampula has the challenge of territorial extension and number of inhabitants. This is a challenge for the program, especially in terms of impact. Additionally, he highlighted that the context of implementation has complex social and political dynamics, especially given the relationship between the populations of the coast and the interior.



Governor of Nampula Province, Manuel Rodrigues



Courtesy meeting with the Governor of Nampula Province



Courtesy Meeting with the German Cooperation Representative in Nampula



Courtesy meeting with the Coordinating Unit of the Integrated Development of Nampula (UCODIN)

In his turn, Vicente Paulo, Director of UCODIN, pointed out that Nampula has been the scene of many initiatives, but little is known about their impact. Thus, it is important to conduct studies and

learn from past experiences. The meetings with the German Cooperation Representative in Nampula, UCODIN and the NIWANANE Association served to identify points of intersection and synergies.

## **CDD Nampula receives a visit from the South African High Commission and the implementing partners of the Social Cohesion Program**

On the margins of the first meeting of the Coordination Group on the Social Cohesion Program in Nampula, the Swiss Cooperation, represented by Dr. Nobre Canhanga, the IESE, represented by Dr. Patrícia Piqueiras, and the Coordinator of

the Cohesion Program in CDD, Prof. Domingos do Rosário, made a courtesy visit to the CDD Nampula offices. The occasion served to learn about the work of CDD Nampula under the Social Cohesion Program.



Cohesion Program partners pay courtesy visit to CDD Nampula offices

With a team consisting of the Advisor and Deputy Head of the Mission, Puleng Chaba, and the 1st Secretary, Muhammad Abdool, the South African High Commission in Mozambique made a courtesy visit to CDD Nampula. On the occasion, CDD was represented by Américo Maluana, Researcher and Program Manager, Leonel Sapite, CDD Coordinator in Nampula Province. The academic Arsénio Cuco also participated in the visit.

In addition to learning about the work developed by CDD in Nampula and the northern region of Mozambique, the visitors discussed the political, social and economic dynamics of Nampula Province and the northern region. Particular emphasis was placed on the violent extremism that has been devastating Cabo Delgado province since October 2017, with risk and tendencies of spreading to Niassa and Nampula provinces, as well as the situation of displaced people.






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