



## The USAID Southern Africa Trade Hub: Enhancing Economic Growth and Food Security through Trade

# Mozambique



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## The USAID Southern Africa Trade Hub: Working in Mozambique

The goal of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Southern Africa Trade Hub is to increase international competitiveness, intra-regional trade, and food security in Southern Africa.

While the majority of the Trade Hub's activities are regional in nature, certain activities target Mozambique as a direct beneficiary. Through various regional, national and cross-cutting initiatives, the Trade Hub is working with Mozambique to increase competitiveness and improve agricultural products and services.

**Groundnut Aflatoxin Mitigation Trainings:** The Trade Hub works with partner organizations in Mozambique to train small farmers, farmer leaders, and processors on techniques to limit the spread and contamination of groundnuts by the carcinogenic mold aflatoxin.

**Grain Grading and Storage Management Training:** In support of increased regional grain trade and regional food security, the Trade Hub is improving grain storage and grading practices in the region by training grain warehouse staff, National Food Reserve Agencies, private traders, feed and grain mills, and other grain processors on techniques to improve grain storage, grade grain for maximum competitiveness, and reduce post-harvest losses.

**Warehouse Receipts System:** A Warehouse Receipts System (WRS), allows farmers to deposit their product at an accredited warehouse and receive a receipt for collateral granting them access to credit; the farmer then has the option to sell when market prices are favorable. Working with private sector partners ETG Mozambique and ECA-Cargill, the Trade Hub launched Mozambique's WRS on May 28, 2015, with electronic receipts issued on the platform [www.mozwarehouse.com](http://www.mozwarehouse.com). Five warehouses in Beira and Chimoio started issuing electronic warehouse receipts in June 2015, and the Trade Hub is also working with Mozambique on membership in the Africa Trade Insurance Agency (ATI) to take advantage of the agency's export and investment insurance to support the WRS.

**Commercial Laboratory Development:** The Trade Hub awarded a Strategic Partnership Grant to Intertek to increase the capacity of its Agricultural Testing Laboratory in Beira, Mozambique to provide aflatoxin and wet chemistry testing. The increased laboratory capacity will give commercial traders and other grain agricultural stakeholders the opportunity to have cheaper and quicker analysis done in-country, enhancing the competitiveness of Mozambique Agriculture on the regional and global markets and reducing exposure to potentially toxic risks in the food chain in Mozambique.

