Objectives of the Initiative

The general objective is to increase the smallholders livelihood and income generation opportunities in Cabo Delgado Province

The specific objective is to improve targeted agro-value chains (from sustainable production, processing and marketing) including the Mozambican specialty coffee one (e.g. Coffee Racemosa Loureiro) through: a) establishment of an inclusive and sustainable development of the racemosa coffee value chain (especially in Ibo); b) improvement of IABil (Agrarian Institute of Bilibiza) capacities to provide extension services to the smallholder farmers such as add value to local crops, establish market linkages, distribution of racemosa coffee plants (product diversification and reforestation), laboratory services, etc. c) promotion of the Mozambican specialty coffee within the Country and abroad, for building the basis for the recognition in international markets of the quality of the Mozambican Racemosa coffee.

Project Approach

Identifying sectors that have the capacity to create income in an effective manner and in line with the national strategy is the core of the intervention methodology proposed by UNIDO. Hence, an overall value chain approach will be used to achieve the project goals. A value-chain approach to development seeks to address the major constraints at each level of the supply chain, rather than concentrating on just one group. In this context, considering the limited production capacity of Ibo coffee as well as the early stage of the coffee value chain in Mozambique, it has been necessary to

1. OUTPUT
   The coordination among the stakeholders involved in the Ibo coffee value chain is improved

2. OUTPUT
   IABil extension services (including the promotion and research on coffee) are improved

3. OUTPUT
   A system of monitoring and communication is in place and conducted
define a project strategy not exclusively focused on Ibo coffee. In this regard, technical support to the development of other agro value chains in Cabo Delgado Province will also be provided. The action has been, therefore, designed following an integrated approach focused on: i) Ibo district: the project action will focus on providing technical support (both in terms of capacity building and technology transfer) to coffee smallholder farmers, institutional extension services providers and to the Association of coffee producers of Ibo, for developing the Ibo coffee value chain; ii) Bilibiza Institute: the project action will focus on supporting the agrarian institute in increasing its capacity to act as a knowledge and rural hub and research facility for the coffee sector as well as, collection centre, primary processing and agro-marketing for the neighbourhood smallholder farmers. Create a linkage between Bilibiza and smallholder farmers is a key feature of this project proposal. Through aggregating products from several farms into one location smallholder farmers will be directly linked to the markets. The Institute will be assisted in the establishment of the agro-processing lines, in order to add value to the agro-products that will be sold in the market.

"There is now a potential market for the Ibo coffee that can offer a new product to the low-caffeine clientele"

In the Quirimbas archipelago, and especially in Ibo island, there is a tradition of producing coffee from plants of Coffea racemosa Loureiro which belongs to a group of species commonly known as “wild coffee”. Particularly appreciated for its low level of caffeine, Ibo coffee- once the brewing process is complete- develops intense flavours of herbs, particularly laurel, but also of mint, eucalyptus and liquorice, distinctive feature of quality.

PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

The final beneficiaries of the intervention will be the smallholder farmers and their families living in the project area. The beneficiaries will be located within the PNQ and in particular in Bilibiza, Ibo and Quirimba.

The exact number of direct beneficiaries will be established at the beginning of the implementation period of the action. Indirect beneficiaries of the project will be represented by the all population living in the target area that will indirectly benefit by the project results.