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BUDGET INFORMATION				
13. Amounts concerned	Budget line: BGUE-B2022-14.020122-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 32 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 30 000 000 This action is co-financed in joint co-financing by: UNICEF for an amount of EUR 2 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
14. Type of financing	Direct management through grants Indirect management with the entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.4.			

1.2 Summary of the Action

In Mozambique, where geographical disparities and socio-economic inequalities are increasing, fighting malnutrition – as both driver and outcome of poverty – can help tackling extreme poverty and inequality, by investing into the human capital needed to foster inclusive economic growth. Nearly a third of the fast growing Mozambican population is affected by severe food insecurity, while almost 40 percent of children under 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition (stunting), both factors massively hampering the development of the country in human and economic terms.

While nutrition remains a priority in the policy agenda of the Government, namely in the 5-year national development plan 2020-2024, national investments (nutrition specific or sensitive) are still low. The system struggles to ensure access to key basic social services, often of low quality and marred by high and systemic inequalities, with the northern provinces and the rural areas being the most disadvantaged. Moreover, with now some 31 million habitants and one of the highest fertility rate in the continent, it is expected that the population of Mozambique will reach over 50 million in 2040, thus putting under more pressure basic social and environmental services. This situation is further aggravated by the security crisis in Cabo Delgado and neighbouring provinces, causing massive forced displacement, the impact of recurrent cyclones and climate-related events and the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This action builds upon the sound EU experience and lessons learnt from previous investments for improved nutrition under the 10th and 11th European Development Fund (EDF) implemented in several provinces of Mozambique and from emergency nutrition and multisector responses supported the Commission. While consolidating and building on the work done in Zambezia and Nampula provinces, the Action will expand the EU support for nutrition to Cabo Delgado, where the armed conflict ongoing since 2017 led to a growing humanitarian crisis, with direct negative impact on the nutritional status of communities, in particular children, adolescent girls and young women.

The intervention logic closely aligns to the EU multi-sectoral approach to nutrition, and is structured around three strategic components:

- i) Nutrition governance;
- ii) Scale up of key nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive actions, with a focus on the effective delivery of quality key nutrition, health and WASH services at community level;
- iii) Knowledge-building and advocacy, including civil society engagement.

The Action will be implemented in the three provinces of Zambezia, Nampula and Cabo Delgado, while advocacy activities carried out by civil society, including women's organisations, will have a national coverage. It will have a duration of 60 months, with an EU contribution of EUR 30 million.