

partaking actively in local governance and democratic processes due to lack of technical and financial capacity, especially at local level.

As Duty-Bearers:

Key government stakeholders addressed by the Action include public authorities at central, provincial and district level, as well as provincial and municipal assemblies, along with those entities which are responsible for development of public policies and democratic governance and are parties in the dialogue with civil society at central level, notably the Ministry of State Administration and Public Service (dialogue in the framework of the Consultative Councils), the Ministry of Economy and Finance (for the Development Observatories), the Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious affairs (Non-Governmental Organisation - NGO policy and legislation), the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Action (coordinate and promote actions towards gender equality), and other relevant line ministries or State Secretariats (for example dealing with gender, education, youth, environment, etc.).

Other relevant stakeholders include the Gender and Citizenship Group, which gathers EU Member States and like-minded countries to follow-up on the implementation of the EU Roadmap for engagement with Civil Society and the Gender Action Plan, and the Coalition of the Willing Group on Gender and Women's Empowerment.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The Overall Objective of this Action is to **Strengthen inclusive and participatory democracy in Mozambique.**

The Specific Objective of this Action is:

1. To improve participation of citizens and CSOs, including those representing women, youth and persons with disabilities in democratic processes.

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objective are:

- 1.1 Enabling Environment and Dialogue – Improved capacities of CSOs to advocate for enabling environment and engage in structured dialogue with relevant stakeholders, including authorities, and groups of rights holders;
- 1.2 Capacities – Improved capacities of CSOs for strategic management and communication, institutional development, project management, digital skills and for engaging in public policies.
- 1.3 Participation – Improved capacities of civil society for participation in policy making and monitoring.

3.2 Indicative Activities

Activities relating to Output 1.1 – Enabling Environment and Dialogue:

- Awareness and knowledge raising activities for actors involved in participatory and representative democracy (governance processes, clarification of mandates, functions, roles, etc.) to foster mutual understanding with gender and human rights sensitive approach.
- Facilitate structured political, policy and technical dialogue among civil society organisations, including women's and people with disabilities' organisations, formal and informal groups and their representative bodies (such as district platforms, provincial fora and mechanisms, thematic networks and working groups, etc.) to better strategise positions in order to attain more impact.
- Enable structured dialogue between civil society and public authorities, at central and decentralised level, towards working on common agendas on the formulation and implementation of legislation and priority public policies, taking into account both informal and formal spaces envisaged in national legislation.
- Provide support for improving aid effectiveness (mapping of ongoing interventions, mainstreaming of cross-cutting issues developing strategies to address gender, human rights, and rights of persons with disabilities, etc.).