



Associação Moçambicana de Saúde Pública

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This bi-annual report describes the activities carried out since the last World Public Health Congress held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from August 21 to 25, 2006. The main activities hereby reported refer to the following three main areas of interventions:

1. Community Health Promotion
 2. Tobacco Control
 3. Participation in public health events
1. Community health promotion is an area of intervention where AMOSAPU has based its strategic action aimed at materializing its vision and mission. To this end, a partnership agreement was reached between AMOSAPU and the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) according to which CPHA has, for the last 8 years been providing AMOSAPU with material and financial resources which have enabled AMOSAPU to work with communities implementing health promotion activities. These include diseases prevention through:
- a. health education
 - b. environmental sanitation
 - c. training of local leaders and community health activists
 - d. dissemination of health messages through AMOSAPU Newsletter AFYA and electronic networking (Website, etc)

In this perspective, AMOSAPU, working in straight collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Mozambique and other partners, extended its activities to Inhambane province, District of Morrumbene, where the above activities are being implemented since 2007. These activities are producing significant positive results demonstrated by:

- a. High level of awareness among the community members on the need to promote and develop actions aimed at diseases prevention and health promotion using locally available resources, including their active participation in health programs;
- b. Significant reductions of new cases of diarrhoeic diseases in the communities where above activities are being implemented (Zimpeto community in Maputo City, Khongolote and Ndlavela communities in



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the Province of Maputo and in the communities of Morrumbene district in the Province of Inhambane).

2. Tobacco control is one of the main strategic interventions AMOSAPU has assumed as its priority. It is within this perspective that AMOSAPU has been active in advocating for the adoption strong legislative and administrative tobacco control in Mozambique as well as the ratification of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) by the Mozambican government. Consequently, the Government of Mozambique adopted, on March 27, 2007 a decree bans tobacco use in public places and regulates tobacco sale in the country. This decree is inspired on FCTC principles and is a direct result of AMOSAPU lobbying efforts. On the other hand, AMOSAPU, in partnership with the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), organized and held workshop on Leadership in Tobacco Control for Public Health Associations in East and Southern Africa from May 29 to 31, 2007. The participants in the workshop analysed the role that PHAs can play in tobacco control and important recommendations were made challenging the PHAs in the region to assume a leading role in policy change making tobacco control one of public health and development priorities in the region.
3. With help of the Canadian Public Health Association, AMOSAPU participated in several international events, underlining the following:
 - ❖ Annual CPHA conference in Ottawa in 2007
 - ❖ Annual WFPHA Meeting in Geneva in 2008
 - ❖ Global Health Forum in Geneva in 2008

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