



## **Associação Moçambicana de Saúde Pública**

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#### **The Associação Moçambicana de Saúde Pública (AMOSAPU) The Mozambican Public Health Association.**

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#### **1. Background**

Year of Establishment: 1991

Professions represented: public health workers, physicians, nurses, psychologists, biologists, nutritionists, demographers, engineers, agronomists, journalists and other Mozambicans and non-Mozambicans interested in public health promotion

#### **2. Key partners in the country:**

- Ministry of Health, and
- Other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

#### **3. Key External partners**

- Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) in Institutional Capacity Building and Community Health Promotion Program
- World Health Organization (WHO) in Community Health Promotion programs including tobacco control
- Framework Convention Alliance (FCA) in tobacco control program

## 4. Mission and goal

The mission of the Associação Moçambicana de Saúde Pública (AMOSAPU) is to promote good practices of public health throughout the country by implanting universal principles of primary health care, with the aim of attaining acceptable level of life of the country's population

## 5. Primary Activity Areas

### Health

- Control of communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS
- Control of non-communicable diseases including tobacco and drugs abuse
- Environmental sanitation
- Information, education and communication
- Training of community health education activists
- Participation in the development of health human resources

### Education

- Promotion of training activities for health activists in the communities including schools
- Promotion of health campaigns in schools
- Participation in the fight against poverty among the country's communities

## 6. Primary Public Health Issues

- Tobacco control issues
- Malaria
- HIV/AIDS
- Poverty

## 7. History and achievements

Associação Moçambicana de Saúde Pública (AMOSAPU), founded on December 06, 1991, is the only national, non-governmental, not-for-profit, voluntary membership association representing the public health community in Mozambique. Its mandate is to promote the integrated practice of public health activities through community participation, with particular emphasis on Primary Health Care as a key strategy to achieve the provision of basic health services for all the Mozambicans

## 8. Main activities in 2006/7

Taking into account its mission and current public health issues in the country, AMOSAPU, in partnership with its internal and external partners carried out the following activities:

### **Tobacco control:**

In September 2006, organized and conducted, in Maputo, Mozambique,

a workshop for civil society tobacco control advocates in Portuguese speaking countries in Africa.

- In May 2007, organized and conducted, in Maputo – Mozambique, a workshop on Public Health Association's role in tobacco control for public health associations in East and Southern African countries.
- In September 2007, AMOSAPU participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Conference of Parties of the FCTC in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Developed and conducted public awareness raising campaign through media on smoking health, economic and environmental hazards.

As a direct result of this campaign, the Government of Mozambique published a decree in May 2007, prohibiting smoking in all public places and restricting smoking in Hotels, restaurants and bars. This decree came into force in December 2008.

### **Community Health Promotion**

Intensive preparatory work on community health promotion activities, which include training of community health activists, started, in 2007, in Inhambane Province, one of provinces in the southern region of Mozambique. The preparatory work included the following activities:

- Conclusion of financial contract with the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)
- Consultations with local authorities in the identification and selection of five communities for the implementation of the activities.
- Opening of a small AMOSAPU branch in Inhambane; this will be in charge of project management and implementation in the five identified communities.

Training of **Community Health Promotion Activists** will, thus, start at the beginning of the second half of this year.

## **Internal meeting**

In June 2006, AMOSAPU General Assembly, policy and by-law making body, was convened. The meeting approved Executive Board report for the period of 2000/2006, adopted five year plan and elected the Association's President, new members for the Executive Board, Auditing and Scientific Committees. Ms. Margarida Matsinhe was re-elected President of AMOSAPU for four years and Mr. Francisco Valentino Cabo re-elected AMOSAPU Executive Director for another mandate of four years.

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