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Outstanding participant in the mentorship program on economic journalism, Narcisi Nhacila from the Desafio sports newspaper, receives a diploma from his mentor, Paulo Oliveira, an MSP consultant.

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1. **Project Duration:** 5 years
2. **Starting Date:** 11 June 2012
3. **Life of project funding:** \$9,978,124
4. **Geographic Focus:** Mozambique (all provinces) with a focus on Maputo
5. **Program/Project Objectives** (over the life of the project)

Overall program objective:

A free, open, diverse and self-sustaining Mozambican media sector providing high quality information to citizens that promote debate, accountability and development.

Objectives by result areas:

Professional Capacity of Journalists

Result 1: Increased Professional Capacity of Mozambican Media Sector

IR 1.1 *Media professionals have expanded skills*

IR 1.2 *Media professionals produce more and better quality content*

Business Operations and Sustainability of Media Outlets

Result 2: Strengthened Business Management / Organizational Capacity of Media Organizations to Improve Long-Term Financial Viability.

IR 2.1 *Media organizations improve organizational capacity*

IR 2.2 *Media organizations strengthen financial viability*

Journalism Education

Result 3: Improved Journalism Education at UEM's School of Communications & Arts

IR 3.1 *ECA offers students strengthened journalism education curriculum*

IR 3.2 *ECA expands role in advancing Mozambican media*

Community Radio

Result 4: Increased Ability of Community Radio Stations to Provide More and Better Information to Listeners

IR 4.1 *Community radios offer more and better information to listeners*

IR 4.2 *Community radios improve sustainability*

Advocacy

Result 5: Increased Ability of Mozambican Organizations to Advocate for Press Freedom and an Improved Legal Enabling Environment for Media

IR 5.1 *Advocacy is effective*

IR 5.2 *Media freedom and access to information gain broad citizen support*

1. Summary of the reporting period – 2nd Quarter FY 2014

Selected highlights from the reporting period include:

- MSP received a visit by IREX President Bob Pearson, who met staff and stakeholders.
- Four new staff members joined the team, one left. Recruitment efforts continued.
- A provincial office in Nampula was opened, with two staff and a vehicle transferred there.
- The mentorship program for economic reporting took place, conducted by Paulo Oliveira.
- A Media Lab for TV was established for the first time.
- The MSP internship program was redesigned and made more focused and rigorous.
- A scholarship program for ECA journalism faculty was conceived and developed.
- The strategy for community radios was reworked and refocused.
- The Rapid Response Committee was elected for the second year.
- Publications on Oil & Gas, Digital reporting and Gender & Media were prepared for print.
- A gender strategy and a gender / GBV proposal for USAID were prepared.
- A series of strategic adjustments to enhance program implementation was prepared.

General

Visit by Bob Pearson, IREX President

- President and CEO of IREX, Ambassador Bob Pearson, visited the program for a four-day period in January, which included meetings with the US Ambassador, USAID and partners.
- Bob Pearson gave a talk on media in conflict situations, participated in discussions at ECA and with community radio partners and attended several functions to promote the overall objectives of the program.

Working with state media – Radio Mozambique

- MSP made a visit to Faruco Sadique, CEO of RM, and hosted a return visit by Sadique and two of his key administrators. The dialogue was positive, and MSP contributed 10 laptops and 10 recorders to RM, but after that things went quiet.
- Our hypothesis on this point is that RM, as a state-owned media institution, is concerned about the political implications of working with MSP and therefore stepped back.
- This reflects the general reticence on the part of the state media in working with MSP, but while leaders of these media outlets occasionally complain about 'being left out', they rarely or never respond to MSP invitations or initiatives.

Equipment

- Due to a gradual shift in the focus and direction of the program, and to be better aligned with the equipment used by key partners, MSP started a gradual shift towards a Mac operating environment.
- The program now have two full Mac computers used for graphic design and video editing, and one MacBook laptop, used by media specialists. Two more MacBooks will be added in Q3.
- At the same time, a decision was made to purchase six iPads to facilitate the data gathering process for M&E purposes. So far, four of these have been procured.

Result 1 – Professional Capacity Building

OVERALL

- In this quarter, the activity level expanded significantly at the same time as the team went through a thinking, reflection and consultation process around a series of 'strategic adjustments' aimed at improving performance in all areas.
- The results of this process are to be discussed in a Quarterly Review Meeting in April, after which the strategic adjustments will be summarized and concluded.
- The beginning of the quarter, which also corresponded to the start of a new activity cycle (there are two cycles for each year), was characterized by planning, preparation and mobilization of participants for activities that started in February.
- In the first week of February, the ML – multimedia (EVR), the ML – TV (SI) and the mentorship program for senior journalists (RFM) all started.

MEDIA LABS

Media Lab – Multimedia

- The Media Lab – Multimedia, a skill-building program focused on the development of hands-on digital and online skills, followed in the footsteps of the previous two cycles and continued with high attendance and good learning taking place.
- The third cycle, which will end in May/June, progressed well, with a high level of enthusiasm and participation by the Media Lab fellows.

- The facilitator of the Media Lab, Egidio Vaz Raposo, transitioned out of MSP at the end of February, but continued facilitating the ML course, which he taught in 2013 and started in 2014.
- The Media Lab has eight participants, sometimes referred to as fellows, including one official from GABINFO, who is participating as a regular member of the group.

Media Lab – TV

- The introduction of second ML stream focused on TV represented a significant innovation and proved extremely successful, generating enthusiasm and motivation among the participants, as well as imparting practical skills.
- The ML TV started in the first week in February and continues through May. The lab brings together theory and practice, and the students are producing a 30-minute newsreel as their final output.
- The course is facilitated by Selma Inocencia, a former TV presenter and manager, who has succeeded in creating strong engagement and enthusiasm in the group.

INTERNS & INTERNAL CAPACITY BUILDING

- As part of the so-called 'guided activities' for MSP interns, now led by Selma Inocencia, Kevin Fitzpatrick of USAID presented on time management and life planning.
- In a similar activity, Joao Ribeiro, CEO of TIM, held a session on the future of journalism and current trends.
- These guided activities are part of a structured weekly lecture program aimed at increasing the interns' fundamental knowledge levels, thus making them more employable. The MSP internship will be developed into a brand.
- Overall, the internship program has become more rigorous and demanding than before, with clearly stated goals, including the permanent placement of interns in journalist positions within the sector.
- The MSP intern group made a two-hour visit to USAID and met with representatives of the various programmatic sections.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Economic mentorship program

- Paulo Oliveira, a Brazilian journalist and director of ABRAJI, the Brazilian association of investigative journalists, carried out a three-month mentorship program on economic journalism. The program started in January and will end in April.
- This targeted mentorship program focused on economic reporting, through the angle of the extractive industries, an emerging sector in Mozambique, exploring issues of economic and social importance and developing the skills to explore them.
- Some 21 journalists enrolled in the program and received some form of mentorship during the quarter. All participants are asked to meet minimum requirements needed to 'graduate' from the mentorship program.
- Apart from preparing the Portuguese version of an Oil & Gas manual for reporters, the consultant also kept running notes on progress and observations, all of which will be summarized in a report.
- Two of the participants were also nominated by IREX/MSP to participate in an all-expenses paid course organized by Oil for Development, an initiative organized under the auspices of NORAD, the Norwegian foreign development entity.
- IREX/MSP was encouraged by the Norwegian Embassy to submit and/or co-sponsor these applications, and we look forward to the decision, which will happen in Q3.
- Furthermore, the Director of Information at Rio Tinto, a mining firm, came to IREX to talk to journalists about mining and media from the company's perspective, a session that proved both useful and productive.

- As part of the mentorship program, a three-day seminar was organized in Nampula for community radio reporters and other local reporters. The seminar was well attended and was reported on by the Noticias newspaper (a first).
- Some of the feedback from the seminar was that some of the material could be better adapted to local circumstances, a common challenge.
- In the January Quarterly Review Meeting (QRM), the focus was on the extractive industries. Every quarter after the end of the previous quarter, the MSP team holds a QRM that reviews past performance and looks ahead to future plans, as well as assesses strategic issues.

Mentorship program for senior journalists

- The core mentorship program for experienced journalists continued in February, after a reflection and reorientation period to incorporate new aspects, such as long-distance learning.
- The work with the development of an effective mentorship model continues, and under the guidance of the Director of Capacity Building, Ricardo Mendes, the program is trying to reach more journalists in the provinces, through Skype, visits and other means.

WRITING SUPPORT, STIPENDS & STORY GRANTS BY THEME

- The quarterly writing stipends were to be awarded for story ideas on the extractive industries, but the demand was very low (only 4-5 people applied).
- As a result of this, we postponed this round and made a series of visits to the newsrooms as part of a mobilization effort.
- In parallel, we undertook an analysis of the approach to the stipends and decided to make some adjustments, to be finalized early in the next quarter.
- As part of this process, it was decided that the overall number of topics that will be eligible for sponsorship will be stable at around six: health, gender, trafficking, elections, extractives and environment / climate change adaptation.

FOUNDATIONAL / BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

- **English lessons** implemented as part of the basic skills program continued as previously. The English lessons are proving useful for journalism faculty and students, but practicing journalists have not taken up this service much, mostly due to time constraints.
- As of this quarter, MSP interns are required to have three hours of English language training per week, as part of their internship responsibilities.
- The first in a series of **graphic design** intensive short courses was held in February, with great success and interest.
- The planning for additional courses on **journalistic writing** was completed, and a series of courses on writing will start in the following quarter.
- A short course on **photography** also took place.
- It is part of the program's strategic adjustments to reinforce the focus on foundational skills, such as writing, photography, graphic design and English, as practical and highly needed vocational skills.
- This increased focus on foundational skills is a key reason for bringing additional staff members, a full time media specialist to oversee the program (among other things) and a part-time linguist to work on linguistic and writing issues.
- Other trainers will either be pulled from MSP staff or from outside consultants.

PUBLICATIONS

- During the quarter, several publications were prepared for printing, all in different stages of production.
- The Gender and the media reports for 2012 and 2013 were completed and will be published in the following quarter.

- An 'Oil & Gas manual' with sources and references for reporters and a 'Digital Media manual' were also completed and will be published in the following quarter.
- The Oil & Gas manual is a co-publication with Open Oil, a German NGO, and the Digital media manual is a co-production with the Knight Foundation.
- At the same time, the editing work on the MSI 2013 report was completed, and this report is scheduled for publication on May 3.

Result 2 – Business Operations

CUSTOMIZED ASSISTANCE

- In December 2013, under personnel resource constraints, a decision was made to shift more human resources to community radio efforts in order to ensure steady progress in that area. Consequently, the attention to business operations was temporarily reduced.
- The main challenge in this high potential area is to free up and focus key personnel to work on business operations issues, and steps are being taken to achieve this.
- Such steps include pulling the Director of Capacity Building out of direct teaching at ECA and bringing the Media Specialist for Business Operations back from his temporary focus on community radios.
- Nevertheless, the work with core partners Canal, DDZ and TIM continued without interruption, and the work of identifying new business outlets as partners continued.
- The work at TIM is primarily focused on editorial content and newsroom organization, but the team believes that MSP can make a significant contribution on the business operations side, and is positioning itself for that.
- At the same time, MSP continued to support financially and practically several interns at TIM and Canal, helping them prepare for permanent employment.
- The launch of the new Canal layout was postponed to Q3.
- MSP staff continued working with DDZ on their online presence.
- During this work it was concluded that it was both expensive and inefficient to do web development and other online initiatives with external providers, as these often are weak and unreliable.
- During the period, MSP provided significant material support to Savana, by essentially refurbishing its newsroom. Savana is one of several newspapers with high brand recognition and significant upside potential on the business side, and the material support should be seen as a step in the process of MSP engaging with Savana to release some of that potential.
- The program has a stated objective to help develop at least three local media consultants during the program period. The transitioning out of Egidio Vaz Raposo was the first step towards achieving this objective.
- Over a five-month period, MSP will provide incubation support to assist EVR to get established as an independent media consultant. This support includes financial support and practical / theoretical guidance.

MEDIA MANAGEMENT – EMERGING MEDIA LEADERS

- In February, the first advanced level EML course took place, with strong and enthusiastic participation of 16 emerging managers.
- The course work was project based and focused on developing tangible end products, such as the concept for a specialized magazine on the extractives industries.
- Both levels of the EML course, introductory and advanced, focus on the development and implementation of practical skills.
- A modified version of the introductory EML course was implemented for CR personnel and volunteers immediately after the advanced EML course in Maputo. This modified course had been adapted to the context and needs of the CR stations.

Result 3 – Journalism Education

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Rhodes University faculty spent a week at ECA in February on the ongoing work with curriculum development. There are some lingering concerns about Rhodes' process oriented approach versus the practical and/or tangible needs at ECA.
- The one-week visit involved the ECA curriculum working group, who met daily to continue to develop the curriculum.
- Skype conferences between Rhodes and ECA took place during the month.
- Preliminary steps were taken to reorient the approach to curriculum development by introducing a staff development phase, estimated to last for about two years, which would focus on qualifying a critical mass of faculty members with master's degrees.
- This work will be completed within Q3.
- As a result of this reorientation, the Rhodes workshops on curriculum development will cease during this period, but it is expected that the staff development phase will have direct and indirect impact on the curriculum and its implementation, through the theses the faculty write and through application of the knowledge gained.

ECA ENGAGEMENT

- At the beginning of the quarter, IREX President Bob Pearson made a courtesy call to ECA, meeting with Nataniel Ngomane, the school's director. The call also included a meeting with the members of the curriculum development committee.
- It was following this meeting that Selma Inocencia was invited to teach TV journalism at ECA, but this decision was later reversed after objections from faculty members.
- MSP launched three courses at ECA at the beginning of the year; on print journalism, online journalism and TV journalism, in response to requests from ECA.
- After internal discussions within ECA, however, the course on print journalism, which included the production of the *O Especialista* student newspaper, was handed over to an ECA faculty member.
- This change may have been driven both by political motives and internal ECA dynamics. Some government officials had expressed nervousness about the student newspaper, and some considered it to be borderline subversive (it is not).
- The fact that the newspaper was perceived as a threat by some speaks to the newspaper's success as a tangible result of the coursework.
- Irrespective of motives (for removing MSP from the course), we believe that this move effectively ended the student newspaper, as it had not yet reached the necessary momentum to be taken over by ECA without external support.
- The two issues of the newspaper that were published prior to the 'hand-over' held high quality, were very well received by readers and represented a source of pride both to ECA management and to students.
- Subsequently, the teacher group at ECA objected to the IREX media specialist teaching the course on TV journalism, and this course was cancelled altogether.
- The media specialist in question had long experience as a TV reporter and manager, but lacked the required qualifications to teach at university level. Nevertheless, her course managed to become extremely popular among the students before it was cancelled.
- As was reported on at the time, this was the first incident we are aware of where the ECA students stood up and forcefully expressed their preferences (for keeping the IREX teacher), but rather than yielding to student pressure, the course was cancelled.
- The course on online journalism continues as before.
- Before these adjustments, MSP was directly involved in teaching some 70 ECA journalism students, a record.
- The above-mentioned incidents triggered a re-think and a re-organization of our working relationship with ECA, initiating a search for more effective and sustainable ways of developing the school's capacity.

- As part of our strategic adjustments, MSP will therefore pull back from direct teaching at ECA, once the remaining course has been completed, and rather seek to engage in different ways, e.g., through a scholarship program for faculty and training opportunities for students at IREX.
- ECA faces several structural challenges, ranging from teacher qualifications to teaching infrastructure and student study space, and while some of these challenges fall outside the scope of the MSP program, the response to other challenges will be evaluated.

NEW INITIATIVES: FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS / COACHING SUPPORT

Scholarship program

- A series of consultations on the issue of a dedicated scholarship program for ECA journalism faculty took place, as well as meetings with ECA management.
- Other consultations with USAID, IREX HQ and Rhodes University took place, and in the process, the feasibility of such an effort was established.
- In these consultations, various logistical/practical aspects, such as timing, cost and preparation, were elaborated along with programmatic aspects of the program.
- Subsequent steps towards the finalization of the scholarship program will be taken in Q3, including a meeting of IREX and Rhodes with ECA faculty on the topic.

Coaching support

- At the same time, MSP explored with ECA management the possibility of bringing high-level coaching / management support, for example by bringing in a peer journalism school director from the US on a consultancy basis, but this effort was temporarily halted.
- Understandably, ECA management wanted a say in the selection of the consultant and expressed a preference for Brazilian academics, as opposed to North American.
- While MSP understood those wishes, it determined that it is not practical to start a process to identify an appropriate Brazilian candidate for this role, and furthermore, a core objective of the coaching support initiative was to bring in examples from the North American model of more direct, experiential learning.
- Consequently, even though a potential candidate had been identified, this initiative has been put on hold for the time being.

Result 4 – Community Radio (CR)

CR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

- The implementation of the CR program continued at a steady rate during the quarter, expanding the number of target community radios from six to twelve.
- The establishment of a regional sub-office in Nampula, as well as the transfer of a 4x4 vehicle and the employment of two staff there, lent significant impetus to the work with the community radios.
- The regional office has sufficient space to house trainings for 10-15 people, and had by the end of the quarter been used for trainings several times.
- The first training in the regional office was on the topic of extractives industries for community radios.
- Monthly support and supervisory visits from Maputo continued throughout the quarter.
- At the end of February / beginning of March, Sergio Chusane (MSP) and Terry Thielen (IREXHQ) spent ten days in the north of the country working with the CR program staff based at the provincial office in Nampula.
- A core purpose of that work was to develop a refocused, reoriented strategy for the MSP approach to community radios, with a goal to accelerate the achievement of positive outcomes for the stations.

- The development of the refocused strategy continued through March and is scheduled for completion in April.
- Two core elements of the refocused strategy is (a) to bring in an expatriate level program manager for CR to head the Nampula regional office and (b) to establish a mobile training lab for CR that may be move between and be used in different locations.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL SUPPORT

- A proposal for procurement and distribution of equipment was updated and integrated into the overall CR strategy.
- The establishment of a mobile training lab is a key element of this strategy.
- All target stations received laptops (at least two), digital recorders, routers, internet flash drives and various smaller items (e.g., security cables).
- As a step in operationalizing this equipment, all the stations were set up with Facebook pages and taught how to update and use them.

Result 5 – Advocacy and Alliances

ADVOCACY

- The public debates continued, with one debate being held on IREX premises every month. The best attended debates were on media law and legal implications and on journalism in times of conflict.
- Several internal consultations were held on how to make the debates more engaging and how to involve a wider group of participants.
- The advocacy area was identified as an area in need of strengthening, which led to the conception of the idea of hiring a Media Specialist for Advocacy for Development purposes, as well as hiring a higher-level technical advisor for advocacy.
- One aspect of this strengthening is an increased focus on keeping track of and structuring relevant information that applies to the advocacy work.

ALLIANCES

- Significant progress was made in the work with media associations, although from a low base of activity, through consultative visits and the establishment of a network of alliances, i.e., a core group of media and related associations, several of which are or will be receiving direct support from MSP.
- The COP also made several visits to associations in order to help shape the program's work with them.
- Furthermore, MSP arranged for some ten association members to participate in a specialized training on project management, fund raising and related matters.
- More work and greater focus is needed in order to strengthen the associations further, however, and to thereby strengthen the media advocacy work.
- On March 10, AMJJ held its annual general meeting on IREX premises and with MSP participation.

SECURITY

- New members of the Rapid Response Committee were elected in February, one year after the establishment of the committee. Three new members joined the committee, and two old members were re-elected.
- While relatively few journalists participated in the election, the committee membership itself was very strong and high profile. Jeremias Langa (SOICO) was elected President and Celia Claudina (RECAC) Vice-president.
- At the same time, a performance-based stipend for the members was introduced to support the work of the committee.
- The new committee spent about a month to structure its work, and the committee members received a targeted training on legal and judicial issues.

- IREX President Bob Pearson met with the outgoing RRC during his visit, reviewing the progress of the committee's work.
- There was a marked uptick in security-related issues reported in the quarter, and the sector remains tense, with a growing perception among journalists that the government and/or government-affiliated elements are trying to influence the media sector.

Cross-cutting objectives

GENDER & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- MSP established an internal gender task force, led by Thandie Harris-Sapp, aimed at coordinating gender-related initiatives.
- A GBVI plan for the near term was developed, with the aim of operationalizing funds earmarked for this purpose and thus strengthen media's role in addressing GBV issues.
- The 2012 report on gender and media was rewritten, and the 2013 written, with both reports scheduled for publication in May.

HEALTH

- The material for the 2013 Health and Media report was collected and much of the preliminary research and analysis done. The process nevertheless continues into the next quarter, with the report expected to be ready by the end of the quarter.
- As part of its efforts in Result 1 and 2, MSP is sponsoring several health fellows. Steps were being taken to support and mentor these better, primarily through the recruitment of second Media Specialist for Capacity Building.
- The dialogue with RTI Envision about co-organizing a media training for government staff, NGO partners and journalists, continued. Such a training is planned for Q3.

OTHER

- MSP received a visit by researchers from the Voice of China in Africa project, following an academic conference held on the same topic at Indy Village. Perspectives and information were exchanged.
- In early March, MSP facilitated a media course for officials at the Ministry for Women and Social Action, in collaboration with Save the Children's ProPAITO project on children and media. The seminar was well-received and well-attended.

2. Project Performance Indicators

Because of the relatively high number of indicators and the extent of the monitoring tracing table, this section has been covered as an annex (see Annex 1: Project Performance Indicators). A continued focus of Q2 was to explore new ways of presenting the data collected in engaging and effective ways.

3. Major Implementation Issues

Under what is perceived to be the direction of the new media advisor to the President, the media operating environment in Mozambique has taken a turn for the worse, with several outspoken media professionals being sidelined or replaced.

4. Collaboration with Other Donor Projects

The program has established a key strategic partnership with DAI through the **Dialogo project**, a DFID-funded project focused on civil society and strengthening of municipalities. IREX is a sub-recipient of this project and meets regularly with the project management to coordinate and collaborate on joint efforts. Several meetings took place in Q2, where IREX continued to support the development of Dialogo's media strategy.

5. Key Activities Planned for Next Quarter

Result 1 – Professional Capacity Building

- The second quarter (Q3) of FY 2014 will be characterized by the continuation of ongoing activities, as many activities follow half-yearly cycles starting January/February or July/August respectively.
- The Media Labs for multimedia and TV, as well as the mentorship program, continue into the third quarter, with graduations for the Media Labs at the end of the quarter.
- The Media Lab TV will produce a 30-minute newsreel as its output.
- The quarter will see an increased focus on foundational skills, in particular writing and journalistic writing, and the program intends to bring on board Prof. Julieta Langa by the end of the quarter as a part time advisor on linguistics.
- Also as part of foundational skills building, a separate course providing a baseline on the role and functioning of journalism will be held in the beginning of May.
- The publication of the digital manual will be a milestone in itself, but will also feed several related activities, all of which will be housed under the New Media Initiative (NMI) umbrella.
- NMI is a key initiative that will be launched in Q3.
- A new Media Specialist for Capacity Building will be hired, contributing to a clearer division of labor between print media on one side and radio / TV on the other.

Result 2 – Business Operations

- The targeted consultancies at Canal (newspaper) and TIM (television) will continue through Q3, with a focus on improving business processes at both partners and strengthening their strategic positioning.
- We will seek to speed up, within the natural constraints that exist, the work with these partners, and we will start the search for new partners.
- The New Media Initiative will be positioned as a key tool and leverage in our work with the business outlets, in the search for additional revenue and profit opportunities.
- Increased attention will be given to cross-cutting efforts, which will combine efforts across result areas. One Emerging Media Leader courses will take place in June.

Result 3 – Journalism Education

- The focus of the work with ECA in Q3 will be on operationalizing the faculty scholarship program and starting academic and other preparations for it, including the updating of the strategic partnership agreement with Rhodes University.
- Ricardo Mendes will continue the Online Journalism course until the end of term, after which MSP does not intend to teach additional courses at ECA.
- There will be one more curriculum development visit by Rhodes in May.
- In parallel, we will however look for ways of naturally pause the curriculum development work, while the staff development / scholarship initiative is being implemented.

Result 4 – Community Radio (CR)

- A critical focus of Q3 is to bring on board a highly competent international program manager to be based in the Nampula office. The selection and recruitment process will be completed by early May.
- When this program manager is in place, Sergio Chusane will phase out his involvement in CR efforts.
- The reworked CR strategic plan will be finalized, and implementation will start.
- The equipment purchase program will be accelerated to the extent possible.
- Other aspects of the work will carry on within the annual and quarterly workplans developed with CAICC and FORCOM strategic partners.
- Two joint field visits with USAID are planned for the quarter.

Result 5 – Advocacy and Alliances

- The focus of Q3 remains the continued implementation of the advocacy strategy.
- We intend to bring on a part time technical advisor to support and systematize our advocacy efforts.
- The Rapid Response Committee will continue its development with financial and practical support from MSP.
- In May, some ten media association members will be sponsored to attend a course in project management and fundraising in collaboration with REPARE, a Kenyan-based organization.
- Other collaborations include a joint training on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) carried out together with RTI Envision.

M&E and outreach efforts will continue to receive attention during the quarter.

6. Evaluation/ Assessment Update

| Evaluations, Assessments, Studies and Audits | |
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| Include any and all types of evaluations, financial or programmatic, internal or external. | |
| <u>Completed</u> : List evaluations, assessments, studies and/or audits held last year | Major Findings/Recommendations |
| N/A for this quarter | |
| <u>Planned</u> : List evaluations, assessments, studies and/or audits planned for next year | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Quality Assurance audit. USAID. April 2014. • Administrative and Financial review. USAID. May 2014. • Mid-term Evaluation. USAID contractor. Jan-Jun 2015. | |

7. Administrative Update

- On January 6, **Selma Inocencia**, Media Specialist for Capacity Building; **Arsenio Manhice**, Media Specialist for Advocacy; and **Joao Movuta**, Field Coordinator for Community Radios (based in Nampula) joined the program as new staff members.
- **Nilza Chiemo**, Finance Assistant, was hired to support with accounting and finance.
- On a trial basis, **Erika Rodrigues** was brought in to support M&E efforts (80%) and the mentorship program in economic journalism (20%) over a three-month period that would lead into the next quarter (Q3).
- At the end of February, Egidio Vaz Raposo transitioned out of the program in order to set up his own media consultancy, for which he is receiving MSP financial and practical support.
- As part of the program's expansion and consolidation, systematic and targeted recruitment efforts continued. The short term goal is to hire one Media Specialist for Capacity Building (there will be two such positions, one focused on printed media and one on TV and radio) and an ICT expert to support the New Media Initiative (NMI).
- Work was also done to identify suitable candidates for other positions.
- This includes the recruitment of two program assistants, who will support the professional staff and grow into roles of increasing responsibility.
- A salary scheme (quadro salarial) was developed for junior staff members, defined as assistants, junior assistants / trainees and interns.
- A field administration and finance review was carried out by IREX HQ staff in February, with a relatively limited number of recommendations, which are being followed up on.

8. Success Stories and Photos

Journalist from SOICO Group stands out in economic journalism group

March 2014

Cleófas Viagem, a 24 year old Mozambican journalist, stood out among the 21 participants of the Mentorship in Specialized Journalism in Economic Development, with a focus on Extractive Industries, carried out by IREX Mozambique. The qualification course is developed under the Media Strengthening Program, funded by the United States Government, through its Agency for International Development (USAID).



Cleófas, a journalist from the SOICO Group (owners of the TV channel STV and newspaper O País), was the author of 5 stories that generated 5 pages on issues related to businesses, jobs, legislation and oversight of the extractive sector. This represented 25% of the production of the training's participants.

Born in the province of Beira, Cleófas Viagem has been a print media professional for a year. About to present his final work for the course of journalism from the Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM), he has already interned in several papers: Savana (2011), Sol (in Lisbon and in Mozambique in-between May and November 2013). He then joined the SOICO Group, where he writes and edits articles on the economic sector for O País, and reports for STV.

“I have always focused on the economy and am preparing myself to be the journalist who better understands and addresses the Extractive Industries issue in the country”
– says **Cleófas**.

In the year he concluded 12th grade, Cleófas wrote admission exams for 4 universities in 4 different courses (International Relations, Law, Journalism and Portuguese). He was accepted in all options but did not hesitate to choose journalism, an area that he understands that can still develop considerably in Mozambique.



High-quality Information

Paulo Oliveira, the Brazilian journalist in charge of the mentorship, with more than 30 years of professional experience and director of the Brazilian Association of Investigative Journalism ([ABRAJI](#)), believes that Cleófas has the potential to excel in covering the extractive sector.



“The first two issues were pretty much translation of material published abroad complemented with local information. However, from the third matter onwards, the quality increased, the resources consulted were of higher-level and his critical thinking was more accurate. A striking improvement that resulted from a sustained effort and concern for the quality of the information” says Paulo.

The articles published in the newspaper O País included “Kogas considers abandoning the gas project in Rovuma”, “The Indian OVL will invest over 3 billion USD in Rovuma”, “Rio Tinto trains 2 450 professionals in Tete”, “Minerals Revenue might not be able to pay the foreign debt” and “Mineral Resources will be a curse if there is no accountability. ”

Other finalists from mentorship were the journalists Arginaldo Nhampossa (Savana), Leonildo Balango and Rosa Fumo (Diário de Moçambique), Aunício da Silva (Canal de Moçambique) and Narciso Nhacila (Desafio).



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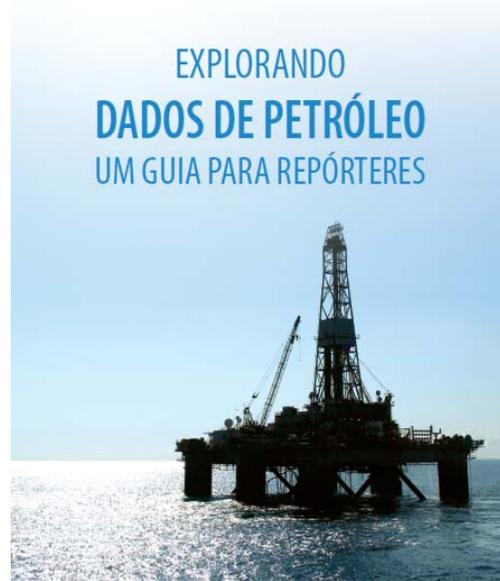
In total, 20 articles and 2 audios were produced by these journalists, published in their respective newspapers. The topics included transparency, taxation, legislation, contract negotiation, social impacts, local content and revenue investment.

The Mentorship

Although focused mainly in Maputo, the mentorship offered a 5 day workshop in Nacala, in the province of Nampula. Thirteen journalists participated, from community radios, newspapers and television, from that province and the neighboring province of Cabo Delgado, both key provinces where mega-projects are taking place.

In Maputo, the course components involved: understanding contracts, taxation systems in countries like Brazil, Algeria, Norway and Mozambique, environmental and social impacts, global competition and value chain analysis. The mentorship also gave the journalists the opportunity to interact with several actors, mainly representatives from civil society and mining companies.

A more tangible legacy was the translation and adaptation to the Mozambican reality of the guide, “Exploring Petroleum Data: a guide for reporters”, with online tools, a references database, definitions and guidelines to improve journalists’ capacity in covering the sector. The guide, originally edited by Open Oil, a Germany-based organization that promotes transparency in the extractive sector, aims to support the journalist interested in this theme, who already faces challenges regarding lack of resources and capacity within the media organization itself to cover such a complex sector.



Often, journalists have to cover several other areas besides this one and do not have time to learn about all the complexities and development of the matter; the high-level information is hard to break down and often journalists limit themselves to transcribing information from abroad without understanding the content nor adapting it to the Mozambican audience, and; key actors such as company representatives and government officials are often hard to reach for comment.

This was the first of 8 mentorships planned and the aim is to train at least 100 journalists in these important matters. This course is imperative in the present context of Mozambique, where foreign investment and economic growth is booming but which can also bring several socio-economic and political challenges to the country. Journalists qualified in covering the extractive sector are therefore key to monitor the development of the sector in question and break down information to maintain Mozambican citizens well-informed about the progresses and challenges that the country is and will be facing within this rapid growth. IREX plans to enable many other journalists to reach the level of Cleófas Viagem and beyond.

ANNEX 1: PROGRAM INDICATORS**MSP M&E Quarterly Report (January – March 2014)**

This report outlays the progress made between January and March 2014 on the MSP objectives. The report summarizes the progress made in achieving MSP objectives in the 2nd quarter (1 January to 31 March 2014) of the program year, a brief review of progress made in previous quarters, end of year and end of program targets, a comparison of planned versus actual progress and challenges.

Table one summarizes quarterly progress and section B provides more detailed information on each MSP indicator.

Table: Indicator Summary Sheet: Q2Y2

| | Indicators | Baseline | Data source | Frequency | Q1Y2 Oct-Dec | Q2Y2 Jan-Mar | Target Y2 | Progress Q2Y2 (Results/Target) |
|------|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| U1 | Useful news and information provided to citizens (Age, gender and region) | 77% | Survey | Baseline, Mid-program, EOP | NA | NA | NA | |
| U2 | government and policy decisions through the media (gender, age and region). | 44% | Survey | Mid-program, | NA | NA | NA | |
| U3 | Professional content on key Mozambican development issues disaggregated by type of content | Ave: 10.3% increase | MCAT | Quarterly | 2.42 | 2.45 | 2.96 | -21% |
| U4 | Sustainability and professionalism of Mozambican media sector | Ave: 2.27 | MSI | Annually | NA | NA | 2.38 | |
| 1.1 | Mozambican media meets professional standards | 2.22 | MSI | Annually | NA | NA | 2.33 | |
| 1.2 | Targeted media outlets meet professional standards | 2.88 | MCAT | Quarterly | 2.58 | 2.52 | 3.17 | 79% |
| 1.3 | Professional coverage of public health issues | unknown | reports/MCAT | Annually | NA | NA | 3.17 | |
| 1.4 | Media sector conducts investigative journalism | unknown | reports/MCAT | Annually | NA | NA | 3.17 | |
| 1.5a | Number of journalists trained with USG assistance | 0 | Sign-in sheets | Quarterly | 126 | 230 | 107 | 215% |
| 1.5b | Number of person days of training | 0 | Sign-in sheets | Quarterly | 353.5 | 648 | 1218 | 53% |
| 1.6 | Number of non-state news outlets assisted with USG | 0 | Project records | Quarterly | 7 | 7 | 6 | 117% |

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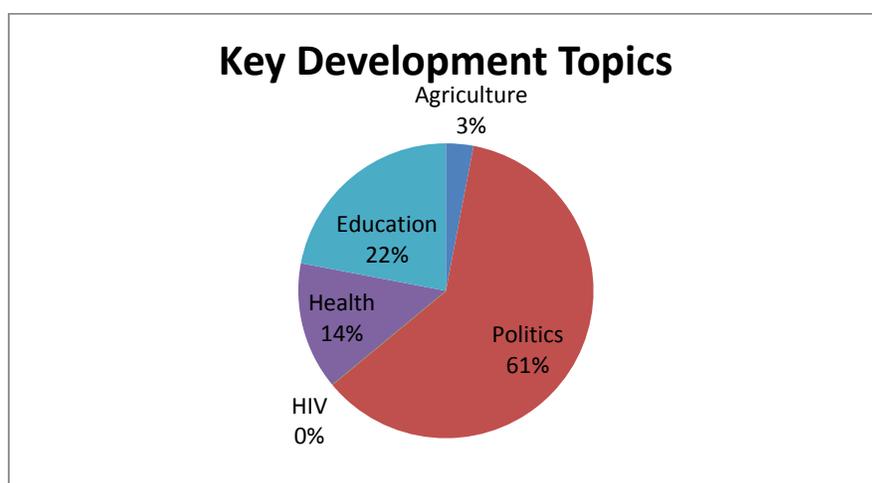
| | Indicators | Baseline | Data source | Frequency | Q1Y2 Oct-Dec | Q2Y2 Jan-Mar | Target Y2 | Progress Q2Y2 (Results/Target) |
|------|---|------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 2.1 | Number of media outlets using strategic business plans | 10 | POR | Semi-annually | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0% |
| 2.2 | Targeted outlets use market and audience research | 6 | POR | Semi-annually | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0% |
| 2.3 | Revenue of targeted outlets | TBD | POR | Annually | NA | NA | 10% | |
| 2.4 | Progress towards creation of a JIC | 0 | Milestones tool | Annually | NA | 0 | 20 | |
| 2.5a | Number of media outlets that receive USG supported training to promote financial sustainability | 0 | POR | Quarterly | 3 | 3 | 4 | 92% |
| 2.5b | Number of consultations to promote financial sustain | 0 | consult sheets | Quarterly | 6 | 10 | no target | |
| 3.1 | Implementation of an effective curriculum at ECA | 0 | Milestones tool | Semi-annually | 20 | 10 | 20 | 50% |
| 3.2 | Professionalism of journalism produced by students | 3.01 | MCAT | Quarterly | 2.5 | 0 | 3.25 | 0% |
| 4.1 | Number of community radio stations implementing strategic business plans | 0 | MCSO tool | Annually | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| 4.2 | Community radios operate soundly and prudently | 92% | Survey | Annually | NA | NA | 4 | |
| 4.3 | Revenue of targeted community media show improvements | 350,000.00 | MCSO tool | Annually | NA | NA | NA | |
| 4.4 | Community stations gain the trust of the communities | 94% | Survey | Annually | NA | NA | NA | |
| 4.5 | Number of non-state news outlets assisted by USG | 0 | MSP records | Quarterly | 4 | 4 | 6 | 67% |
| 5.1 | Media CSOs advocate for Press freedoms | 4 | Milestones tool | Annually | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0% |
| 5.2a | Media community holds debates to discuss media issues | 0 | Sign | Semi-annually | 3 | 5 | 10 | 50% |
| 5.2b | Journalists in public attend debates | 0 | Sign | Semi-annually | 69 | 56 | 300 | 19% |
| 5.3 | Media law and regulation show improvements | 0 | Milestones tool | Semi-annually | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0% |
| 5.4 | Number of media civil society organizations and / or supported institutions assisted by USG | 0 | Project records | Quarterly | 2 | 2 | 3 | 67% |
| 5.5 | legislation/regulations for media drafted with USG assistance | 0 | Review of legislation | Quarterly | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% |

Section B: Q2Y2 progress (January-March 2014):

This narrative includes those indicators which have posted results for the quarter. As per the IREX M&E Plan, some indicators are reported annually, semi-annually, and quarterly.

U3. Professional content on key Mozambican development issues disaggregated by type of content (health, education, politics, agriculture, HIV)

During Q2Y2 31% of all articles coded were dedicated to key areas, predefined as articles on agriculture, health/HIV, education and politics. IREX scored 1162 articles in Q2, among 4 coders in total, and 359 articles fit the categories illustrated below. This is a snapshot of content generated, as the articles scored using MCAT are pulled randomly. Of the 31% scored, the breakdown is as follows:



Politics continue to dominate the bulk of print content. None of the articles coded were strictly about HIV, but rather HIV in a health context. The total average MCAT score for these articles was 2.45. Compared to last quarter, the MCAT scores for these key topics is improving slightly. The program aims to see a 10.3% improvement (from a baseline of 2.88) in the quality of these articles over all, hence the scores are down 21% at present.

1.2 Targeted media outlets meet professional standards

| Topic | Q4Y1 | Q1Y2 | Q2Y2 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Agriculture | 2.56 | 2.54 | 2.43 |
| Children's issues | - | 2.52 | - |
| Corruption | - | 2.61 | 2.50 |
| Domestic violence | - | 2.75 | - |
| Education | 2.64 | 2.62 | 2.45 |
| Elections | - | - | 2.42 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Environment | - | 2.68 | 2.44 |
| Extractive industries | - | 2.54 | 2.57 |
| Governance | - | - | 2.50 |
| Health | 2.49 | 2.50 | 2.56 |
| HIV | 3.00 | 2.43 | - |
| Human rights | - | 2.61 | 2.66 |
| Law | - | 2.62 | 2.53 |
| Market News | - | - | 2.52 |
| Politics | 2.38 | 2.47 | 2.42 |
| Sexual Violence | - | - | 2.88 |
| Women issues | 2.63 | 2.50 | 2.61 |
| Youth | 2.54 | 2.77 | 2.29 |
| Total Average | 2.61 | 2.58 | 2.52 |

The table above references the news articles analyzed for Q2Y2 (Jan-Mar 2014) using the Media Content Analysis Tool (MCAT). IREX coders are coding a broader range of content areas, and efforts are being made to streamline the scoring of news materials. Each topic/category is scored from 1 to 5 points: 5-Excellent, 4-Good, 3- Acceptable, 2- Bad, 1-Missing. IREX Mozambique averages all of the coded articles in a particular category to arrive at a total for said category. The total average for Q2Y2 was 2.52, which is slightly lower than the 2.58 achieved in the previous quarter. Overall, the scores are declining slightly.

Challenge: MCAT scoring has a few variables that must be carefully controlled. IREX will reduce the amount of coders to reduce fluctuation of scores between scorers. IREX M&E team recently hired 2 coders as employees, to avoid the need to recycle and retrain interns on MCAT coding which will keep scoring as consistent and objective as possible in the long term. In addition, randomly choosing articles can create the scenario that an entire category can be passed over unintentionally, giving a false representation of news coverage.

Looking through the platform lens, IREX may focus on fluctuations in online and print publications. Online publishing is still a relatively new medium for news reporting in Mozambique. Print media is showing a slightly better performance than online, but the scores continue to remain low. Online scores are fluctuating slightly.

| | Q4Y1 | Q1Y2 | Q2Y2 |
|--------|------|------|------|
| Print | 2.52 | 2.52 | 2.52 |
| Online | 2.46 | 2.48 | 2.46 |

1.5 a&b Number of journalists trained with USG assistance disaggregated by gender, region, outlet

1.5a During Q2Y2, 230 unique *journalists* (63 (27%) women; 167 (73%) men) were trained with USG assistance, up from 129 last quarter, 47 were women and 82 were men.

| Region | Community Radio | Freelance | Journalism School | Newspaper | NGO | Other | Print | Radio | TV | CSO | Total |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Maputo | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 46 | 25 | 11 | 18 | 3 | 119 |
| Nampula | 65 | | | | | 3 | 1 | 15 | | | 84 |
| Zambezia | 27 | | | | | | | | | | 27 |
| Total | 93 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 49 | 26 | 26 | 18 | 3 | 230 |

The above table illustrates the distribution of number of individuals trained by media sector during Q2Y2, by province. The category “other” refers to organizations that are not necessarily news outlets, but rather associations or other governing bodies.

Challenge: IREX seeks to train journalists. The numbers above represent not only journalists but also other journalistic professionals. The total number of trained individuals above does not accurately represent the number of journalists trained (is very high). IREX has modified its sign-in sheets to clearly reflect those who are active journalists and those who work in the industry, for further disaggregation and identification of exactly who is receiving training.

1.5b The total number of training days in Q2Y2 was 648 (194 for women; 454 for men). To date for all quarters, the total number of person training days accomplished is 1,592. 528 person trainings days are women and 1,064 are for men. Person training days includes all persons undergoing training.

1.6 Number of non-state news outlets assisted by USG

IREX Mozambique is currently consulting with 7 non-state media outlets. IREX has assisted (and continues to assist) these 7 outlets financially (via sub grants) and with capacity building trainings:

| Name |
|---|
| CIP - Center for Public Integrity |
| CAICC - Centro de Apoio a Informação e Comunicação Comu |
| Diário da Zambézia |
| FORCOM - Forum Nacional de Rádios Cumintárias |
| TIM - Televisão Independente de Moçambique |
| CANAL i, Lda |
| CEC - |

2.1. Number of media outlets using strategic business plans, disaggregated by region.

Currently, none of the three organizations that IREX is subcontracting with (DDZ, Canal i and TIM) have or are using business plans. These media organizations have shown no interest or desire to use them and have expressed a belief that a business plan has no value and is a waste of their time. IREX will continue to attempt to influence these businesses on the importance of business plans and their use.

2.2 Targeted outlets use market and audience research disaggregated by region

Traditional market research, as a tool, is mistrusted and is viewed as not reliable, and so not used by these organizations. The feedback received by IREX is that the organizations feel that research is not valid and is manipulated by certain individuals who have a personal stake or an agenda based on specific interests. IREX has discussed, internally, the option of paying objective research companies to do assessments, however a consensus has not been reached.

Challenge: IREX has found it very difficult to make progress on indicators 2.1 and 2.2 for cultural reasons. No progress has been made on these and sub grantees are unwilling to have these on the table as discussion items. IREX will continue to exert its influence in a positive manner in this area.

2.5.a Number of media outlets that receive USG-supported training to promote financial sustainability, disaggregated by media outlet

During Q2Y2, IREX worked with 83 media outlets on various subjects that promote business financial sustainability, such topics include: Social media strategies, business management strategies to increase revenue streams/how to create new revenue streams, Facebook, production and editorial design, newsroom presentation and process, and e-marketing. This number includes state and non-state entities:

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| CMC Monapo (Radio) | 1st de Maio | RC Thumbine (Radio) |
| Radio Watana | ARCT Mulange (Radio) | RCM |
| TIM (TV) | CAICC (Agency) | RECAC (Agency) |
| ITV (TV) | Catedral | RTV |
| GabInfo (Government Information Agency) | CDPRM-Monapo | SOL (Print) |
| AIM (News agency) | CIP | STV |
| Zambeze (Print) | Correio de Manha (Print) | African Whisper |
| Radio Mozambique | Desafio | AMJJ |
| Canal de Mozambique | Diario de Mozambique | AMOCINE |
| TVM (TV) | ECA (University) | Canal I (Print) |
| CriaMoz (Print) | ECO TV | Canal Moz (Print) |

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|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ExpressoMoz (Print) | Gungu | CMC Radio Onhipiis |
| CFPAS (Ministry of Housing and Public Works) | Escola Feminina | G. Comm, Tribunal Supreme |
| Savana (Print) | ICS Nampula (Radio) | JHUCCP (NGO) |
| Maputo Corridor Radio | J Magazine (Print) | Journal Jovem (Print) |
| RC Mocuba (Radio) | MEM Comum | Miramar (TV) |
| RC Milange (Radio) | MISA | Moz Media |
| Nacalense | Noticias (Print) | Politecnica |
| ICS –RTVG Namialo (Radio/TV) | NAFEZA | Radio Encontro |
| Radio Paz | NRP | Radio Erati |
| Nova Radio Paz | OMM | Radio Parapato |
| Diario de Zambezia (Print) | Pastoral de Saude | Radio sem Fronteiras |
| FORCOM (Agency) | Radio Tum | Radio Unilurio |
| Radio Voz | RC Mossuil | Rede na Crianças (NGO) |
| RTV Chiure (Radio) | SOICO | Papaia Producoes |
| AMCS | CMC Ilha | Diario da Namuli |
| Ikweli CJ (Print) | ITV | Multipco |
| PNN | RTVC Macomia (Radio/TV) | |

IREX used sign-in sheets to collect this information rather than POR, based on attendees from the above-mentioned businesses. At the end of the year comparisons with the POR will be made for a richer evaluation.

In addition, IREX also has sub grant contracts with 3 Maputo based media outlets: DDZ, Canal i, and TIM. IREX provides business sustainability training and materials on an ongoing basis. There is a fourth organization called Nova Era in Nampula that IREX began working closely with in business sustainability, but there is no contract agreement at this time.

2.5.b. Number of consultations to promote financial sustainability.

During Q2Y2, IREX conducted 10 consultations for business sustainability as follows:

| Name of Outlet | # of consultations |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Canal I (Print) | 3 |
| TIM (TV) | 1 |
| Diario da Zambezia (Print) | 3 |
| Diario da Nampula (Print) | 3 |

Canal i and TIM are Maputo based and the daily newspapers are based in Zambezia and Nampula respectively.

3.1 Implementation of an effective curriculum at ECA

Currently, ECA has 30 points on its milestone index. The new program design is complete and the new curriculum design will begin in May 2014.

Challenge: The current milestones as they are laid out in the PMP are very vague and do not accurately reflect the progress that has been made. IREX M&E team suggests a revisit to the milestones or include additional disaggregation to this indicator.

3.2 Professionalism of journalism produced by students.

O Especialista is published at the end of each semester. The last edition was published before the student break (December 2013). Students are now returning to classes and O Especialista has been handed over to the faculty and is no longer led by IREX. No further publications have been circulated.

Currently, IREX is working on the ECA website and will focus on student publications in a digital format. Next quarter there will be data to report on this. MCAT coders will be coding these articles as they appear during Q3.

4.5 Number of non-state community radio outlets assisted by USG (community radio stations) disaggregated by region

IREX is currently working with 6 community radio stations to form business plans. (IR4.1) Of the 6 of them, 4 have completed strategic plans and business plans are expected from these strategic plans in Q3. Two of those stations are in the process of completing their strategic plans and their business plans are scheduled to be completed in Q4. (Note: the data in the chart in section A of this report are not cumulative).

5.2a Number of public discussions and debates on media issues held by media community, disaggregated by region

A total of five debates and public discussions were held. One occurred in January, one occurred in February and 3 occurred in March. February and some March discussions focused on RRC elections. All were held in Maputo.

5.2b Number of media professionals attend public debates to discuss media issues, disaggregated by gender, region and outlet

A total of 56 people attended the debates and discussions in Q2. Thirty-nine (70%) were men and 17 (30%) were women. There were 19 organizations that attended public debates in Q2. The RRC elections and strategy meetings for the new board members consisted of 9 outlets present for the elections and 5 outlets present for the strategy session. The table below references outlets who attended public debates and discussions.

| RRC Elections | RRC Strategy Meetings | Public Debates |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| RECAC | JHUCCP | LDH |
| Politecnica Radio | RECAC | Sekelekani |
| Rede da Crianca | Savana | ADJM |
| Radio Mozambique | SOICO | TVM |
| JHUCCP | Radio Mozambique | Multipco |
| SOICO | | STV |
| Canal Moz | | Ikweli-CJi |
| Savana | | Politecnica Radio |
| MISA | | Maputo Corridor Radio |
| | | CFPAS |
| | | Diario de Mozambique |
| | | Univ. Sao Tomas de Moz |
| | | Parlamento Juvenil |
| | | Canal i |
| | | UEM/ECA |
| | | DHD |
| | | Radio Indico |
| | | ISRI |
| | | AMCS |

5.3 Media law and regulation show improvements

IREX had a new media specialist who joined the team in Q1. He spent the quarter becoming familiar with his result area and creating a strategy to execute the milestone index associated with IR5.3. At present there are no results for this area as it is proving a challenge. Parts of the strategy include networking strongly with associations who can assist to make these changes happen. IREX has recorded 10 meetings during Q2 toward this end. Also, legislation change is a slow moving activity in Mozambique.

5.4 Number of media civil society organizations and/or supported institutions assisted by USG

IREX continues to support 2 media associations, AMJJ and CEC. For AMJJ, assistance was provided through trainings and technical support with the general assembly, and CEC was given a subcontract to assist in the creation and production of a journal on communications. CEC has completed its first milestone and has received the first tranche of funds from IREX towards this production. (Note: in the chart in section A of this report, these data are not cumulative).

5.5 Number of positive modifications to enabling legislation/regulations for media drafted with USG assistance

There is no data to report at present on this indicator. IREX is working with JIC's already established, but most have almost no ability to defend journalists. IREX will continue using its influence to affect this in a positive outcome.