

2.2 Problem Analysis

In the past years, the implementation of the National Indicative Programmes in Mozambique have been supported by Technical Cooperation Facilities (TCFs) aimed to provide some flexibility and quick response mainly to:

- The insufficient capacity of the key government institutions (including sector ministries and other public institutions), local authorities and other key partners to implement and intervene in EU funding instruments more strategically and efficiently;
- The insufficient integration, coordination and interlinkages across EU interventions and between the EU and other key partners;
- The low level of public awareness and perception of the EU activities and objectives in Mozambique, its values and interests.

These challenges continue and need to be addressed for an adequate implementation of the MIP 2021-2027.

Furthermore, the new framework laid out by the NDICI-Global Europe instrument entails additional challenges, in particular regarding:

- TEIs coordination;
- The EU Global Gateway strategic communication and effective public diplomacy in all dimensions. A new strategic communication contract has just started implementation. The action will ensure that sufficient funding is available for the continuation of strategic communication activities once the current contract is over in February 2027.
- The definition and operationalization of new coordination mechanisms across sectors for the implementation of the EU actions. Due the elimination of the National Authorising Officer (NAO) structure, its coordination role and functions will be transferred to the specific sectors targeted by the EU support in order to guarantee a smooth implementation of the EU programmes and interventions.

Identification of main stakeholders and corresponding institutional and/or organisational issues (mandates, potential roles, and capacities) to be covered by the action:

The main stakeholders include all the entities involved in the formulation and implementation of the EU-Mozambique partnership, including cooperation programmes, and political and policy dialogue. These include:

- Key governmental institutions (including sector ministries and other public institutions) and local authorities that will contribute significantly to ensure coherence between the EU actions and the country's policies as well their lead of policy/sector dialogue;
- Civil society organisations (including foundations, women organizations, human rights defenders, academy, private sector and think-tank organisations) and other EU's partners such as development agencies, that will directly benefit from the EU actions but also contribute to increase the impact and visibility of EU actions;
- The EU Delegation and EU Member States under Team Europe actions, that will also receive support for the implementation of various cooperation programmes in the country and for better coordination, coherence and visibility.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The **Overall Objective** of this action is to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the EU-Mozambique partnership.

The **Specific Objectives** of this action are to:

1. Ensure an effective and impactful implementation of the MIP 2021-2027, TEIs and other actions implemented under the overall framework of EU cooperation in Mozambique;
2. Promote policy dialogues and joint coordination with Government and other relevant key stakeholders for the EU cooperation in Mozambique;
3. Increase perception, awareness and understanding of the EU through inclusive EU's strategic communication and public diplomacy activities.