



AfricHand Project

HANDS-ON COOPERATION

FOR THE FUTURE
OF MOZAMBIQUE

STARTING WITH
A GLASS OF MILK

Mozambique has a huge desire for redemption after a long period as a colony and a part towards democracy that has seen this country ripped apart by a devastating civil war.

Today the situation has stabilised and the population now needs to give new life prospects to their families and children, starting with small rural communities and extending this growth process to the entire society.

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The AfricHand Project starts with a need of the local community, it provides a concrete answer embracing an entire agricultural supply chain, it prioritises people training, profitability and sustainability of the project over time. I fell in love with it because this is real cooperation.

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Cécile Kyenge

*Member of the European Parliament
and Vice-President ACP-EU*

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The AfricHand Project, in continuity with the AfricaMilk Project, selected at EXPO 2015 as a Best Practice, highlights CEFA commitment and consistency to continue feeding the world by involving profit and non-profit organizations and farmers around the world.

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Patrizia Farolini

CEFA President





LOTS
OF HANDS,
JUST ONE
PROJECT

To turn this desire into something tangible **AfricHand Project** has been set up, promoted by various Italian businesses that work in international cooperation, agro-food and the industrial sector for the development of milk production in Mozambique as part of a supply chain.

The first step is on a local level, providing rural communities with cattle and teaching these future farmers the techniques for creating sustainable farming techniques, where the production of fodder for the animals is yet another way of rationally using the land reconverted to agriculture.

But producing milk is not enough. It needs to be processed and sold in the towns where there is a growing demand for food milk, yogurt and cheese.

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We have started a new mission: to build, together with lots of friends, in Mozambique, a milk supply chain able to emancipate the population by offering the local community health, nutrition and work. Our hope is that it may begin as soon as possible, attracting new parties able to help get this project moving.

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Gianpiero Calzolari
Granarolo Group President



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We want to make our vast experience as a territorial leader in sustainable agriculture available to developing countries. We are proud to participate in this project, which represents constructive collaboration between the private sector, the non-profit sector and public institutions.

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Simona Caselli
*Regional Minister for Agriculture, Hunting
and Fishing at Regione Emilia-Romagna*





A 100% AFRICAN SUPPLY CHAIN

Beira, the second largest city in Mozambique and an important river port, will become the critical core of this project, contributing to development of a 100% African supply chain that will enable an increase in local production and a reduction in dependency on imports.

This will trigger a positive economic circuit that will give the farmers' families important new economic resources thanks to which they can ensure their children go to school, the only true long-term investment for the future of this country.

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The AfricaHand Project perfectly reflects Coopermondo's engagement in international development cooperation: strengthening small local producers through the sharing of skills and experiences from the Italian co-operative business model, which not only guarantees economic efficiency within territories but also conveys social values of equity, democracy and social inclusion.

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Francesco Carri
Coopermondo President

COOPERMONDO
Associazione per la Cooperazione Internazionale allo Sviluppo

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Sustainable development, along with man's ability to combine his activities and his livelihood with the environment, has always been considered by the Cam a challenge with great potential, an authentic driver of growth for the community of Mozambique. Being part of this project for Cam means continuing promotion of development through solidarity, equality, cooperation, empowerment and sharing of expertise; values that have always been cornerstones for fifteen years of work by the Consortium.

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Paolo Rosatti
CAM President

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con il
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FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION

In parallel, the **AfricHand Project** will also tackle another, no less worrying, problem. In Mozambique, in fact, almost half the population suffers from chronic malnutrition, which starts as early as pregnancy and limits development during the early years of life, effectively conditioning the entire existence of new generations.

This is why the project will also supply milk and derivatives to pregnant women and children under the age of five, integrating their diet with foodstuffs produced locally, with a high nutritional profile, capable of making the difference.

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International cooperation has always been an integral part of what the Italian Livestock Breeders' Association (Aia) is all about and our Mozambique project is part of our vision for promoting sustainable stock breeding in Africa.

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Pietro Salcuni
Aia President



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The AfricHand Project initiative for Mozambique considers the use of machinery as a crucial element of success for the agro-food supply chain, therefore representing a truly practical and promising approach to cooperation.

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Massimo Goldoni
FederUnacoma President





TOGETHER
WE CAN

AfricHand Project aims to improve living conditions for rural populations in Mozambique, finding the resources to do so within their communities.

But in order to start, it needs the help of everyone, so that the first small step in this project becomes a huge step towards a Mozambique where a farmer and sustainable farming manage to bring new hope to a population that for generations has found it so hard to gain even a semblance of normality.

Give us a hand - starting with a glass of milk.

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As part of the long-standing relationships between our city and Mozambique, the Reggio Emilia Municipality is taking part in this project, aware that investing in agriculture means activating a strategic lever for sustainable and inclusive development.

A production supply initiative capable of engaging some of the most important experiences in our region, for building long-lasting partnerships and collaborations that benefit the companies and economy of both areas

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Serena Foracchia

*Deputy in charge for International Affairs
at Reggio Emilia*



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Since its foundation attentive to spreading and concretising the values of mutuality and solidarity for true liberation from economic and social underdevelopment, the Alliance of the Cooperatives in Emilia Romagna has decided to take part in the Mozambique Project. Providing assistance to populations with insufficient food and water, and poor access to work or study, the initiative promoted by CEFA is a noble, shareable goal, supported enthusiastically by the Alliance of Cooperatives with one of its “seeds for solidarity”.

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Francesco Milza

*Alliance of the Cooperatives President
at Regione Emilia Romagna*



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