



Country Profile: Mozambique

Mozambique is a developing country in southern Africa which has steadily rebuilt its economy and civic institutions since ending a 16-year civil war in 1992. The country stabilized following Mozambique's first multi-party elections in October 1994, and a new president was elected in December 2004. Despite high economic growth rates in recent years, Mozambique remains among the world's poorest countries. Facilities for tourism in Maputo, the capital city, are steadily improving but remain limited in other areas as many of the goods and services taken for granted in other countries are not yet available. The official language is Portuguese, although English is spoken in many tourist areas, and in some rural areas only local languages are widely spoken. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Mozambique for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Mozambique
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Maputo
Boundary Countries:	Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Central Hospital, Clinica Cruz Azul, Clinica de Sommerschild, Urgencias Medicas Domiciliarias
Main Cities:	Maputo, Pembe, Lichinga, Cidade de Nacala, Nampula, Quelimane, Tete, Chimoio, Beira, Vila Eduardo Mondlane, Inhambane
Country Size:	801,590 sq km
Population:	19,686,505

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Emakhuwa 26.1%, Xichangana 11.3%, Portuguese 8.8% (official; spoken by 27% of population as a second language), Elomwe 7.6%, Cisena 6.8%, Echuwabo 5.8%, other Mozambican languages 32%, other foreign languages 0.3%, unspecified 1.3%
Currency:	Mozambique Metical (MZM)
Predominant Religions:	Catholic 23.8%, Muslim 17.8%, Zionist Christian 17.5%, other 17.8%, none 23.1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 25 June (1975)
Economic Status:	Mozambique, a developing country in southern Africa, has steadily rebuilt its economy and civic institutions since ending a 16-year civil war in 1992. Despite high economic growth rates in recent years, Mozambique remains one of the world's poorest countries.
Security:	Mozambique Armed Defense Forces (FADM): Mozambique Army, Mozambique Navy (Marinha Mocambique, MM), Mozambique Air Force (Forca Aerea de Mocambique, FAM)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Maputo Av. Kenneth Kaunda, 193 Caixa Postal, 783 Tel: (258) 21-49 27 97

Major Airports:	Airports: 158, Airports w/paved runways: 22 Maputo International Airport (MPM/FQMA) Maputo Airport, Mozambique, PO Box 2631, Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE Maputo Airport, Mozambique, Aeroportos de Mozambique, MOZAMBIQUE Tel: +258 (0)1 465038/9, +258 (0)1 465036/7 Fax: +258 (0)1 465359 Customs, hours: 04:00-22:00 UTC
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