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STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE:

RMDDH Strategies for a Safe and Fair Electoral Period in Mozambique

- In 2024, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation revealed a troubling deterioration of civic freedom in Mozambique, with the country downgraded from “Obstructed” to “Repressed.” This worsening situation reflects an alarming reality for human rights defenders and democracy in the country.



The events of 2023 exposed severe violations of civil and political rights, with local elections marked by blatant fraud. The National Electoral Commission (CNE) and the Tech-

nic Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) manipulated election results, altering records and allowing non-elected candidates to ascend or remain in power. The Constitutional



Council's (CC) validation of these irregularities only exacerbated the severity of the situation. What was even more shocking, however, was the behavior of the police forces, which displayed unprecedented brutality before, during, and after the elections. Attempts to silence the population exercising their constitutional right to peaceful assembly resulted in severe abuses: individuals were beaten, tortured, unlawfully detained without charge, and 27 people were brutally murdered in Nampula.

As the 2024 general elections approach, the electoral campaign is already underway, with four presidential candidates and dozens of political parties mobilizing voters for the October 9 election. In this challenging context, the Mozambique Human Rights Defenders' Network (RMDDH) is preparing to protect and defend democracy defenders, with a special focus on election observers and human rights defenders during the electoral period. With provincial hubs operating 24/7 and a Secretariat team in Maputo, RMDDH is committed and prepared to ensure that citizens' rights are respected and that



any attempts at repression are met with firm resistance. Additionally, with approximately 20 training sessions and workshops, both in-person and virtual, for defenders and justice administration bodies,

including the Mozambique Republic Police (PRM), we are prepared to work towards a safe and fair electoral environment for all Mozambicans. Our

goal is to ensure that everyone can exercise their rights freely and safely, contributing to a transparent and democratic electoral process.



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Almejamos um país livre e seguro para os Defensores dos Direitos Humanos, um ambiente favorável ao desenvolvimento das comunidades e ao envolvimento da juventude como potenciais Defensores dos Direitos Humanos.

We aspire to a nation where Human Rights defenders can operate freely and securely, fostering community development and empowering youth to become effective advocates for Human Rights.



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