

## **India-Mozambique Bilateral Relations**

India enjoys warm, friendly and substantive ties with Mozambique. Trade links between Mozambique and the western states of India go back to several centuries, and pre-date the colonial era. These ancient people-to-people links have been built upon in modern times to forge a strong bilateral relationship based on regular political contacts, ever-deepening economic engagement, and a well-integrated Indian community in Mozambique.

### **Political Relations**

After 1947, independent India's support for the Mozambican freedom struggle established the basis for warm political ties between the leaderships of both countries.

Diplomatic relations between India and Mozambique were established as soon as Mozambique became independent in 1975, and India was among the first countries to set up a diplomatic mission in Mozambique. In fact, the Indian Ambassador had attended the first flag hoisting ceremony of independent Mozambique on 25 June 1975.

Mozambique opened its Mission in New Delhi in 2001.

### **Visit of Mozambique's President (9-11 Jan 2024)**

Former President Filipe Nyusi visited India for the Vibrant Gujarat Summit and met PM Narendra Modi. They discussed bilateral relations as also cooperation in multilateral fora, including the UN. Both leaders agreed to remain in touch and maintain the pace of high-level political contacts between the two countries. President Nyusi also addressed Mozambique India Business Forum and invited Indian investors to invest in Mozambique.

President Nyusi had paid State Visit to India (4-8 Aug 2015). Also, he met PM Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg (24 Aug 2023). PM Modi and Nyusi participated in the High-level Event on Green Credits Programme at COP28 Summit in Dubai (1 Dec 2023). Nyusi and PM Modi had telephone conversation where they discussed about the Covid pandemic and its impact on global economies (3 June 2020).

### **Recent Visits From India**

Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh visited Mozambique (22-25 June 2025). During the visit, he attended the celebrations of 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Mozambique, held meeting with Foreign Minister, inaugurated the Jaipur Foot Camp along with Health Minister at Central Hospital in Maputo, addressed the Indian community in Maputo and visited 120 years old Salamanga temple.

MOS (KVS) met Mozambican Foreign Minister Maria Lucas on the sidelines of NAM Mid-Term Ministerial Meeting in Kampala (16 Oct 2025). They reviewed bilateral cooperation on wide ranging areas of bilateral cooperation including agriculture, capacity building and Information Technology.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Mozambique (13-15 April 2023). He called on the President of Mozambique and the President of the National Assembly. EAM held talks with Foreign Minister (6<sup>th</sup> Joint Commission meeting) and met Minister of Health and Transport Minister. During the visit, EAM took a short side on Made in India train from Maputo to Machava along with the Mozambican Transport Minister. Then, EAM virtually inaugurated the Buzi bridge constructed under concessional line of credit. Also, EAM addressed the Indian community in Maputo.

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas; Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep S. Puri visited Mozambique (28-31 Oct 2023). He called on President of Mozambique; held talks with Minister for Mineral Resources & Energy and Minister of Economy & Finance. Also, Hon'ble Minister met Governor of Cabo Delgado and visited the site of the LNG plant in Cabo Delgado.

Shri Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations) attended the inauguration of H.E. Mr. Daniel Francisco Chapo as President of Mozambique (15 Jan 2025). During the visit, Secy (ER) addressed the Indian community in Maputo which was attended by about 150 people. Also, he visited the Fast Interceptor Boat Umbelozzi gifted by GoI to Mozambique Navy and met Chairman of Board of Directors of Mozambican Railways and Ports.

## **Recent Visits From Mozambique**

Recent ministerial visits from Mozambique included those by First Deputy President of the National Assembly for the Commonwealth Speakers Conference in New Delhi (Jan 2026), Secretary of State for Trade for CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam (Nov 2025), Defence Minister (Oct 2022) and Speaker of National Assembly (July 2022).

## **High Level Visits**

All four previous Mozambican Presidents have visited India: Samora Machel (April 1982), Joaquim Chissano (May 1988 and May 2003), Armando Guebuza (Sept/Oct 2010), Filipe Nyusi (Aug 2015 & Jan 2024). PM Aires Ali visited India in March 2011 and PM Carlos Rosario attended the 3rd India Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi in Oct 2015.

From the Indian side, then PM Indira Gandhi visited Mozambique in Aug 1982 and PM Shri Narendra Modi visited Mozambique in July 2016.

## **Ministerial Visits**

Ministerial visits from India included those by Raksha Mantri (July 2019), Minister of Commerce & Industry (Sept 2013 & Sept 2012), External Affairs Minister (July 2010 & March 1999), Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs (Nov 2007) and Minister of Labour (April 2003).

Ministerial visits from Mozambique included those by Defence Minister (Nov 2019), Minister of Trade & Industry (March 2019), Foreign Minister (Nov/Dec 2018), Minister for Transport and Communication (Jan 2017) and Health Minister (Sept 2016).

## **Institutional Mechanisms**

The fifth session of Joint Commission on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technical Cooperation was held in Maputo (14 April 2023). EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar and FM Veronica Macamo Dlhovo chaired the meeting.

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Joint Defence Working Group was held in New Delhi (25 April 2023). Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Defence of Mozambique led the delegation.

The first JWG meeting on Health and Medicine was held in New Delhi (25 Oct 2013).

The fifth meeting of JWG on Mines and Mineral Resources was held on virtual format (8 Oct 2025).

The second meeting of Foreign Office Consultations at the level of Joint Secretary was held in New Delhi (4 July 2022).

The second meeting of JWG on MSMEs was held in New Delhi (8 July 2019).

The JWGs on Agricultural Cooperation (MOU signed in 2017) and New and Renewable Energy (MOU signed in 2015) are yet to be convened.

## **Economic & Commercial Relations**

Bilateral commercial relations between India and Mozambique have steadily enhanced in recent years. The presence of Indian companies in Mozambique has increased to now number over 100. India has substantial business presence and investments in Mozambique.

Economic relations have steadily deepened and expanded mainly through greater involvement of Indian companies that have invested heavily in the natural gas and coal sectors.

Bilateral trade has also been rapidly growing in recent years. The most important exports from India are refined petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, machinery etc., whereas coking coal, cashew and raw agri products are the leading Mozambican exports to India.

	<b>Value: Million USD</b>				
	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>Indian exports</b>	1231	1975	2506	1996	1323
<b>Mozambican Exports</b>	631	1879	2521	2419	2097
<b>Total trade</b>	1862	3854	5027	4415	3420

**Source: DGCIS**

## **Development Partnership**

In recent years, India's support for Mozambique's development agenda has become an important priority under a vibrant, robust and versatile bilateral relationship between both countries. Most of this assistance has been provided through concessional Lines of Credit (LOC) implemented through EXIM Bank of India.

By implementing projects under its concessional LoCs, India has extended support to Mozambique in diverse areas - provision of drinking water, improving power generation and distribution, improving agricultural productivity, rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure, creation of an Information Technology Park, construction of an assembly plant for solar cells, rehabilitation of road networks, construction of housing units, railway equipment etc.

Under LOC of USD 149.72 million, Afcons is undertaking the construction of Tica-Buzi and Nova-Sofala roads in central Mozambique.

Under LOC of USD 95 million, RITES has supplied Made in India railway rolling stock including locomotives, wagons and coaches

In the aftermath of Cyclone IDAI in March 2019, Government of India had deployed three Indian Naval Ships to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to the affected people in the Beira province of Mozambique. In December 2021, INS Kesari delivered consignment of 500 MT of rice.

In September 2020, India handed over 13 essential medicines worth 22 million Meticaís to Mozambique to combat and prevent COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2021, India donated 100,000 doses and supplied over 1 million doses of Covishield vaccine under COVAX programme to Mozambique.

In February 2022, India and Mozambique signed a MoU for implementation of a Drinking Water Project at the Mueda District under Government of India's grant assistance of USD 10 million.

In June 2022, India donated a consignment of Covid-19 related assistance package comprising of PPE kits and face masks besides 2 Mahindra SUVs to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Government of India in collaboration with Shree Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayta Samiti and Mozambican Ministry of Health organized Free Artificial Limb Fitment Camp at the Central Hospital in Maputo from 24 June - 6 Aug 2025. The camp provided artificial limbs to 1230 beneficiaries in Mozambique. Another Jaipur Foot's free artificial limb camp was held in Nampula in northern Mozambique for 500 beneficiaries (Nov-Dec 2025). This was sponsored by private Indian companies.

In June 2025, Government of India announced gifting of medicines and equipment to Mozambique, which will augment Mozambique's healthcare capabilities. The first tranche of medicines and equipment was handed over to the Mozambican Minister of Health in Maputo (Oct 2025). ICGS Sachet had brought the consignment. The second tranche of medicines gifted by India was handed over to Ministry of Health (Jan 2026). The last tranche of 86 MT of medicines was handed over to Minister of Health (March 2026).

Macomia Health Centre in northern Mozambique is being rehabilitated by India and UNDP.

Following the devastating floods in southern Mozambique (Jan 2026), Government of India announced donation of 500 MT of rice, medicine and essential relief material, reflecting the enduring spirit of friendship and solidarity between the two countries. INS Trikanth delivered essential relief material and medicine (27 March 2026). The consignment of rice has been dispatched from India and is expected to arrive in Maputo in April 2026. Also, High Commission and Indian companies and nationals donated generously for the people affected by the flood. We distributed essential food and clothing items to about 200 families in Maputo, for about 300 families affected by flood in Marracuene, delivered essential food items to Xai Xai, distributed essential food items for about 70 families in Moamba and for about 36 families in Sabie.

## **Capacity Building**

The most visible and appreciated form of development partnership extended by India to Mozambique is in the form of scholarships and training opportunities in India. In 2026, Government of India has allotted 117 scholarship slots to Mozambican students to pursue Undergraduate & Postgraduate studies and PhD courses in India.

Government of India sponsors about 100 short-term training courses every year to Mozambican nationals. These courses are fully funded by India and have helped improve human resources in Mozambique.

## **Culture**

### **2026**

Republic Day (26 Jan) celebrations were held in Maputo, Beira, Tete, Nampula, Nacala and Pemba. Festivals and events organised by High Commission and Indian community organizations included World Hindi Day in Maputo (16 Jan), screening of Indian film in Maputo (1 Feb), ICA annual members get together (28 Feb), Holi (8 March) and High Commissioner's Iftar Reception (15 March). A cultural group from Mozambique participated at the Surajkund International Mela (Feb). Their visit was sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs and Government of the State of Haryana. Also, exhibitions on Uttar Pradesh (February) and Bihar (March) were held at the High Commission premises.

### **2025**

Republic Day (26 Jan) and Republic Day (15 Aug) celebrations were held in Maputo, Xai Xai, Beira, Tete, Nampula, Nacala and Pemba. High Commission and various Indian community organizations organised various festivals and events including World Hindi Day in Maputo (Jan), ITEC Day (March), International Women's Day (March), Holi (March), Iftar reception (March), ICCR Foundation Day (April), Vishu and Easter celebrations in Maputo (April), Tamil Day Celebrations (April), Indian Cultural Association's India Mozambique Cultural Night (July), Futsal tournament in Maputo (July), India Unity Day celebrations in Xai Xai (Aug), Kite flying festival in Xai Xai (Aug), Raksha Bandhan (Aug), National Day Reception (Aug), Hindi Diwas celebrations in Maputo (Sept), Onam celebrations in Maputo (Sept), plantation of trees in Boane and Tete (Sept), Ayurveda Day celebration in Maputo (Sept), Viksit Bharat Run events in Maputo, Xai Xai, Beira, Tete and Nacala (Sept), Navaratri celebrations (Sept), Gandhi Jayanthi (Oct), ITEC Day in Maputo (Oct), ITEC Day & Indian Unity Day celebrations in Tete (Oct), Guru Nanak Jayanti in Maputo (Nov), Gita Mahotsav celebrations at Anand Ashram in Salamanga (Nov), and Diwali cultural programme by Hindu Community of Maputo (Nov).

Quiz and essay competitions were held in Colegio Prodigio (March), Colegio Shalom (March), Colegio Pitagoras (April), Colegio Arco Iris (April), 5 schools in Nacala (April) and Escola Secundaria da Acacias (May). Students from 10 schools in Maputo and Matola visited the four Indian Naval Ships at Maputo port (Sept); students from 4 schools visited ICGS Sachet at Maputo port (Oct), and students from 6 schools visited INS Savitri in Beira (Nov).

ICCR sponsored the visit of Kathak Dance Group led by Ms. Punita Kumari (Aug). The group performed in Maputo, Xai Xai and Macia. Also, ICCR sponsored the visit of a Gujarati Folk Dance group (Oct). The group performed in Maputo and in Nampula & Nacala in northern Mozambique.

As part of International Day of Yoga celebrations, HCI organised 162 yoga events across Mozambique – Maputo, Matola, Xai Xai, Inhambane, Maxixe, Beira, tete, Quelimane, Nampula, Nacala and Pemba. The main IDY celebration was held at the independence square in Maputo (22 June) where more than 1500 yoga enthusiasts participated in the yoga session.

## **Community and Cultural Relations**

Almost 20,000 Mozambican nationals trace their ancestry to India. Most of them are from Gujarat, Goa, Daman & Diu. The Indian diaspora is mostly engaged in wholesale and retail trade in Mozambique, where it has made a strong and dominant mark. The Indian community of Mozambique is well integrated into the local economy and society and is contributing to the creation of wealth and employment in Mozambique. It has also preserved its cultural roots from India.

In addition, there are around 3000 Indian nationals in the country engaged in various Indian companies or working as professionals in Mozambican companies. There are several community associations of the Indian community, which regularly organize charitable and cultural events.

High Commissioner addressed Indian communities in Nacala (Nov 2024) and Nampula (Nov 2024). Also, our outreach to the Indian community in 2024 included community welfare meetings/consular camps in Nacala (Feb), Xai Xai (March), Pemba (April), Beira (April), Nacala (Dec), Nampula (Dec), Xai Xai (Dec), Maxixe (Dec), Inhambane (Dec) and Tete (Dec). In 2025, High Commission held community welfare meetings/consular camps in Quelimane (March), Beira (April), Matola (May), Tete (June), Pemba (June), Macia (Aug), Chibuto (Aug), Chokwe (Aug), Xai Xai (Aug), Maxixe (Aug), Inhambane (Aug), Lichinga (Sept), Nampula (Oct), Nacala (Oct), Beira (Oct) and Tete (Oct).

During 2026, High Commission held community welfare meetings/consular camps in Pemba (March), Tete (March) and Chirodzi (March).

### **March 2026**