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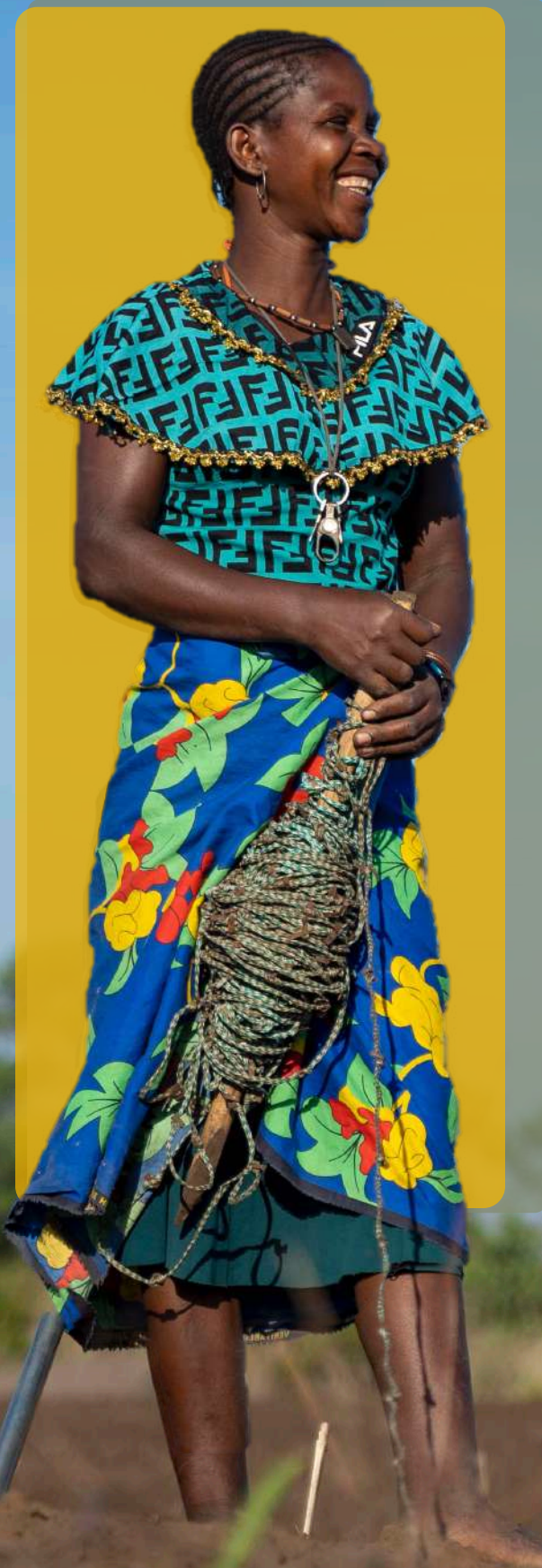


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1.1 / Introduction



RESET's Empowering Change - Pioneering Years of Sustainable Growth, Social Impact, and Leadership in Mozambique

SUSTAINING PROGRESS

We have steadfastly adhered to our purpose for 127 years, and our optimism for our business's future has never been stronger.

RESET represents a transformative approach in our journey towards sustainable development and social impact amplification. This initiative is a reflection of our renewed commitment to our core values, mission, and vision, tailored to meet the Mozambican evolving local social needs and challenges of our time. It's a testament to our dedication to not just adapt but to lead in an ever-changing global landscape. At the heart of this transformation is our team, whose diverse expertise and visionary guidance are pivotal in steering our strategic direction. Their role is crucial in ensuring that our operations not only align with but also set new standards in sustainable development.

While JFS-RESET and the RESET Foundation operate independently, they share a collaborative synergy, driven by individuals dedicated to shared goals. This partnership exemplifies transparency, with no conflicts of interest, ensuring that the RESET group is open to all stakeholders, its benefits beyond itself.

Anchored by clear governance principles, including transparency and autonomy, RESET also integrates key regulatory frameworks, such as the Mozambican cotton regulations, to guide its operations effectively. This initiative is more than an extension of RESET efforts; it is a standalone force for progress, committed to driving systemic change, supporting small producers, and setting a new benchmark in sustainable development for Mozambique and beyond.

ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The RESET Impact Report highlights the organization's legacy, mission, and values, showcasing its comprehensive efforts to tackle Mozambique's economic, social, and environmental challenges. Grounded in the SDGs and ESG impact targets, RESET emphasizes its institutional framework, operational scope, and key performance indicators (KPIs). The report also explores RESET's certifications, shared-value partnerships, and the ecosystem enabling its mission to transform rural livelihoods. Key sections illustrate the organization's response to critical ESG and SDG challenges, its operational reach, and its collaborative efforts with stakeholders.

IMPACT OVERVIEW

The report provides a comprehensive overview of RESET's measurable impacts across environmental, social, and governance dimensions. Environmental achievements include land restoration, biodiversity enhancement, and the adoption of sustainable farming practices. Social impact initiatives focus on improving livelihoods, reducing poverty, and promoting education and gender equity. RESET's governance initiatives underscore the organization's commitment to sustainability through a dedicated team, robust agro-industrial infrastructure, and the integration of scientific research to drive innovation. By empowering rural communities with business skills and access to decent work opportunities, RESET fosters inclusive growth and long-term sustainability. Furthermore, its focus on stakeholder accountability, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and a steadfast commitment to mitigating violence and promoting transparency solidifies RESET's position as a transformative leader in sustainable development.



1.1 / Introduction

The Journey of João Ferreira dos Santos and the RESET Group – Returning to the Roots

A JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE

João Ferreira dos Santos was a poor young man from Portugal’s western region, the son of a single mother. Thanks to the kindness of a supportive friend, he was able to study up to the 4th grade. At just 17 years old, João set out for the port of Lisbon, chasing a new life. He boarded the first ship willing to take him in exchange for labor and landed on the Island of Mozambique on January 24, 1897—back when it was still the capital of the territory.

João found work in a small trading shop. Just a few months later, the shop’s owner, tired and without heirs, recognized João’s remarkable dedication and character and decided to pass the business to him. João seized the opportunity and from that small shop built a business empire that became a national icon, a symbol of resilience and success. Over 127 uninterrupted years, this enterprise has withstood Mozambique’s independence in 1975 and the 16 years of internal conflict that followed, ending in 1992.

This transition from a single founder’s vision to a collective effort led by empowered local leaders represents the essence of Project RESET: building a future rooted in inclusivity, resilience, and shared prosperity.

COMMUNITY-CENTERED GROWTH

What began as a trading business gradually expanded into various sectors across the country. Agriculture likely became the group’s second activity, starting as early as 1898, when João ventured inland to engage with local communities. He promoted farming and the trade of agricultural goods to supply the country’s main city, fostering economic and social ties along the way.

João, as he preferred to be called, never forgot his humble roots. He maintained a hardworking and humble spirit—values that continue to guide us to this day. He had an extraordinary gift for understanding people and working collaboratively with them.

MOZAMBIQUE’S SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

Mozambique faces profound challenges as one of the world’s poorest countries, with a per capita income far below the global average. Half the population is under 16, with limited access to education, while rapid population growth of 1 million annually overwhelms infrastructure and resources.

Seventy percent of the population relies on subsistence agriculture, practiced in rudimentary ways that threaten sustainability. Spread across a vast rural landscape, the system is overburdened, leaving younger generations aspiring for a better, more sustainable future.

RESET A VISION FOR CHANGE

In our rural operations, we work directly with about 40,000 rural families, bypassing intermediaries to form true partnerships, ultimately reaching over 200,000 people. In this national and global context, we see not just an opportunity but a profound responsibility to do our part. We aim to inspire and contribute to a movement of change—one that regenerates human lives and the environment.

What began with João Ferreira dos Santos, a visionary man who transformed humble beginnings into a thriving enterprise, has come full circle, returning to the organization’s roots of inclusivity and accessibility.

This evolution is now driven by the leadership and resilience of local farmers, with many women at the forefront of change. These women represent the essence of progress—leading their communities without labels or limitations, ensuring food security, promoting sustainable farming, and advocating for a better future accessible to all. João’s legacy of humility and vision lives on, embracing all - equality and opportunity for everyone.

1.2 / Legacy, Mission, Vision & Values



To the shareholders, JFS legacy represents, most and above all, the moral obligation to keep on contributing to the overall development of Mozambique

OUR LEGACY

JFS is a family group founded in Mozambique Island in 1897. JFS history merges with the history of the country and it is deeply rooted in the values of the founder Joao Ferreira dos Santos, great grandfather of the actual owners. JFS always operated in the rural country, in partnership with local farmers and communities. JFS survived the independence moment in 1975, and the difficult 16 years of internal war that lasted until 1992, never stopping with its operations, including the agriculture and the industrial activities, some of them in the war zones. JFS is respected for its resilience, for its fairness, and for its capacity to operate in harsh rural environments, in partnership with a large number of small-scale farmers.

OUR PURPOSE

The end of extreme poverty in rural communities and the beginning of soil and ecosystem regeneration, in harmony with the planet.

OUR MISSION

"Our mission embodies three core principles: 'Co-Design,' 'Do,' and 'Inspire.' We co-design by collaborating with top experts and partners to create tailored solutions for rural Mozambique. We 'Do' by turning these strategies into action, demonstrating professionalism and efficiency in sustainable development. Finally, we 'Inspire' by developing and sharing our knowledge and experiences, fostering a movement towards sustainable and equitable growth both locally and globally."

OUR VALUES

Commitment / Dedication and seriousness. Long-term perspective. Respecting and defending individuality while promoting a common good. Taking responsibility in roles and processes.

Courage / Facing fear head-on, doing what needs to be done, and refusing to take the easy way out.

Happiness / Living life with a smile. Understanding that problems are part of daily life and growth. Always seeking solutions. Seeing the glass as half-full, not half-empty.

Shared-Value / Ensuring all actions positively contribute to the economy, society, and environment.

Results / Acting proactively and achieving results.

1.3 / Institutional Framework

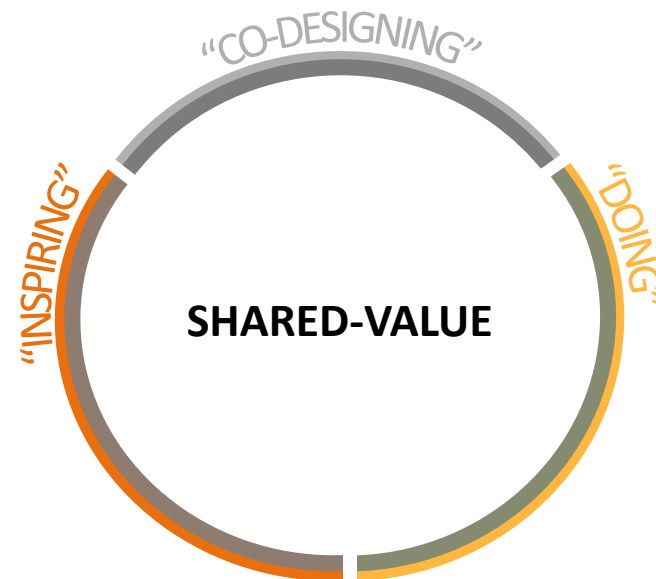
The term "RESET" is used metaphorically to represent the need for a substantial reformulation in the methods in which we live and work in line with the planet. RESET institutional framework, reflecting a global challenge, needs shared-value innovative solutions to overcome critical environmental and social obstacles in Mozambique.

RESET

The RESET platform operates as a think tank dedicated to strategic alignment among various intervention areas and the co-design of hypotheses and practical solutions for environmental challenges. To achieve this, the RESET platform aims to bring together top national and international specialists in a creative and collaborative environment.

FUNDAÇÃO
RESET

The RESET Foundation is dedicated to research, systematization and dissemination of knowledge and solutions to the practical challenges of rural Mozambique, in alignment with international academic standards. In addition, the RESET Foundation promotes investments in areas essential for the development and regeneration of the rural environment and human lives.



JFS RESET

JFS-RESET represents the operational and business arm of the group, developing integrated sustainable responsible rural enterprises. JFS-RESET focuses heavily on contract farming, working in partnership with thousands of smallholder family farmers. Additionally, JFS-RESET invests in industrialization and the development of essential products and services to advance rural areas.



1.4/ Main ESGs Challenges

Our ecosystems are under siege from a confluence of environmental degradation, social injustice, and governance shortfalls, critically threatening global sustainability.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Mozambique faces significant environmental challenges that are severely impacting its natural resources and agricultural productivity. Over 40% of the country's agricultural land is degraded, leading to diminished soil fertility and reduced crop yields. Additionally, deforestation is a critical issue, contributing to a cumulative estimated loss of 8 million hectares since 1970s. This widespread deforestation is driven by agricultural expansion and illegal logging, further exacerbating biodiversity loss.

The impact of climate change is also increasingly evident in Mozambique, with a rise in the frequency and intensity of natural disasters such as cyclones and floods. Events like Cyclones Idai (2019), Gombe (2022), Anna (2022), Freddy (2023) and Chido (2024) which struck the centre and north of the country in the recent years, plus La Nina (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2020-2022) or El Nino (2009-2010, 2015-2016, and 2018-2019) - ENSO cycle events are examples of the devastation on agricultural productivity and food security².

MAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS INDICATORS

- **Soil Degradation:** Over 40% of agricultural land is degraded²
- **Deforestation:** 267,000 hectares of forest lost per year
- **Biodiversity Loss:** Mozambique ranks 55 out of 195 countries on the Environmental Performance Index for biodiversity and habitat loss
- **Climate Change Impact:** Cyclone affected over 1.85 million people

SOCIAL

Mozambique is grappling with severe multidimensional poverty, characterized by multiple deprivations and limited access to basic services, with 62,8% of the population lives below the poverty line. This stark disparity makes Mozambique one of the poorest countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and in the world². The agricultural sector, which employs 72% of the population but contributes only 25% to GDP, is characterized by low productivity, further entrenching poverty. Economic shocks, have exacerbated these conditions, forcing many households to deplete assets and reduce consumption as a coping mechanism. The country's high inequality, reflected in a Gini ratio of 50.4%, underscores the widespread disparity, with the 2023 Mozambique Poverty Assessment revealing that average daily consumption in 2020 was just 0,17 USD above the poverty line, and rural consumption fell below it, highlighting the precarious living conditions for much of the population².

These social disparities are exacerbated by ongoing conflict and fragility, particularly in rural areas where food insecurity affects approximately 29.7% of the total population. Youth unemployment further fuels economic insecurity, while gender inequality remains a significant barrier to progress, with women earning 20% less than men for the same work and often being excluded from leadership roles and decision-making processes⁴.

MAIN SOCIAL PROBLEMS INDICATORS

- **Poverty:** 62,8% of the population lives below the poverty line²
- **Food Insecurity and Fragile Agriculture:** Approximately 72% of Mozambique's population relies on agriculture, a sector with low productivity vulnerable to climate events²
- **Unemployment and Low-quality employment:** 70% of those employed work in subsistence agriculture with minimal productivity and challenging conditions, particularly affecting the youth²
- **Gender Inequality and Disempowerment:** Mozambique ranks 136th out of 191 countries on the Gender Inequality⁴

GOVERNANCE

Mozambique faces significant challenges in infrastructure, governance, and institutional capacity that impede its progress toward sustainable development. The country's infrastructure, reveals major deficiencies in roads, ports, and other critical facilities. This inadequate infrastructure, coupled with limited investment in research and development (R&D), where expenditure is below 0.5% of GDP, severely restricts the country's ability to foster innovation and technological advancements. The shortage of skilled researchers and scientists, compounded by weak linkages between research institutions and the private sector, further hinders the practical application of research, slowing technological upgrades and innovation². Additionally, Mozambique's local governments struggle with weak institutional capacity, making it difficult to implement and enforce policies, develop sustainable projects, attract quality partners and manage resources efficiently, reflecting significant problems with corruption and transparency⁵.

Also, there is stark disparity in global cotton subsidies, with major producers like China, the U.S., and Brazil receiving substantial government support, while Mozambique, with a regulated cotton price and without ensure subsidies, faces severe market disadvantages, exposing its farmers to full production risks⁶.

MAIN GOVERNANCE PROBLEMS INDICATORS

- **Infrastructure Quality:** Mozambique ranks 137th out of 141 countries in infrastructure quality
- **Limited Investment and Infrastructure & Shortage of Skilled Personnel:** Mozambique suffers from underinvestment in research and development (R&D), with R&D expenditure below 0.5% of GDP. There is a significant shortage of skilled researchers and scientists, with limited opportunities for advanced training.⁵
- **Corruption Perception:** Mozambique ranks 147th out of 180 countries on Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index⁵
- **Ease of Doing Business:** Mozambique ranks 138th out of 190 countries, indicating significant challenges in governance, transparency, and regulatory efficiency⁵
- **Cotton Regulation with Zero Government Subsidisation:** Mozambique operates under a regulated cotton price system without any form of subsidy⁶.

SOURCE: ¹WB (2021), Mozambique Country Forest Note

² WB (2023), Poverty Reduction Setback in Times of Compounding Shocks

³M. Pereira, J. Silva (2024), Environmental Stressors of Mozambique Soil Quality

⁴WB (2022), Leveraging Women and Girls' Potential

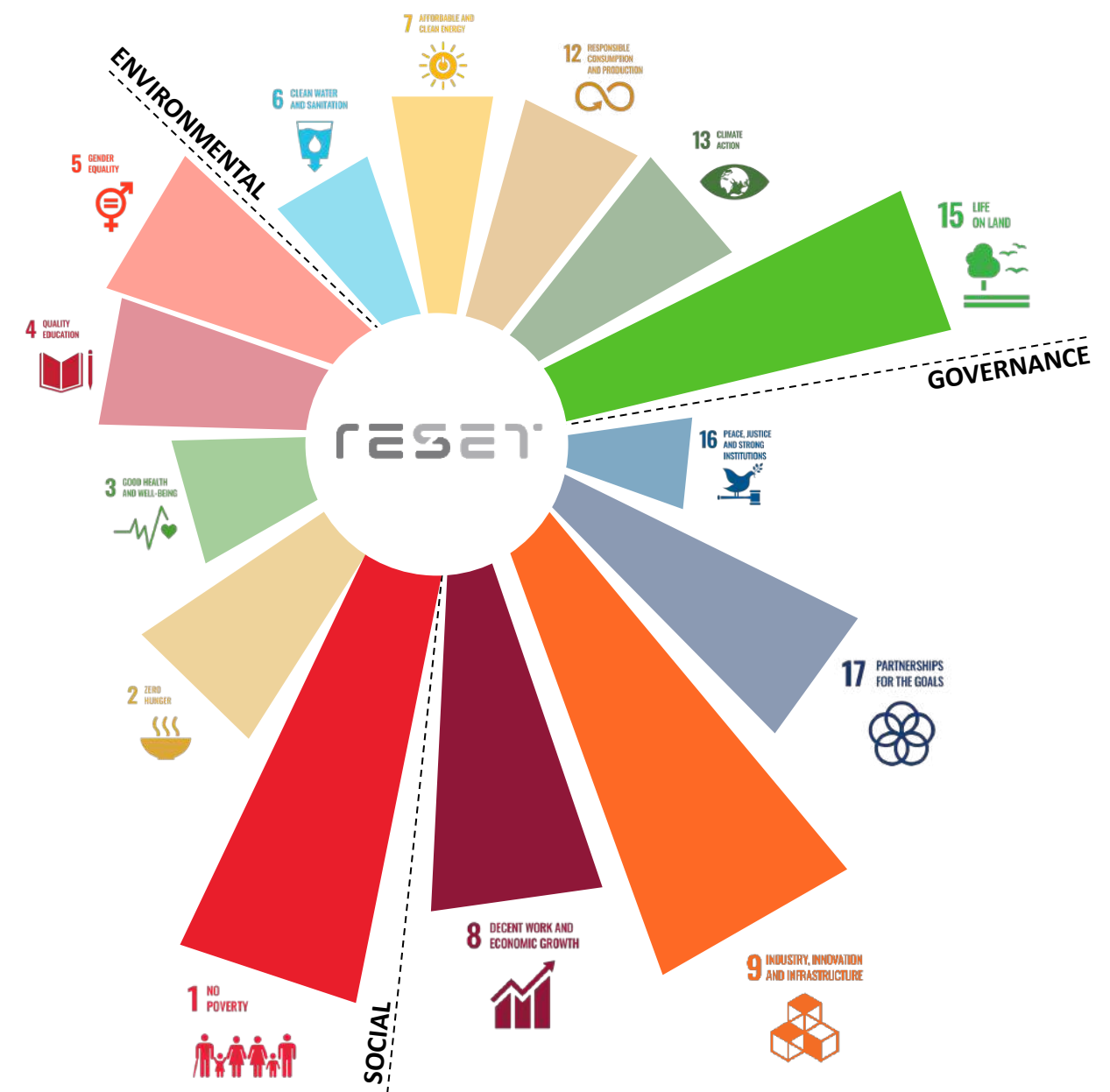
⁵ BTI (2023), Mozambique Country report

⁶ ICAC (2023), Production and Trade Subsidies Affecting The Cotton Industry

1.5/ Main SDGs Challenges



The most prominent SDGs for RESET are SDG 15 - Life on Land (Environmental), SDG 1 - No Poverty (Social), and SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (Governance). Additionally, there are other secondary goals that cut across all aspects of the RESET value chain.

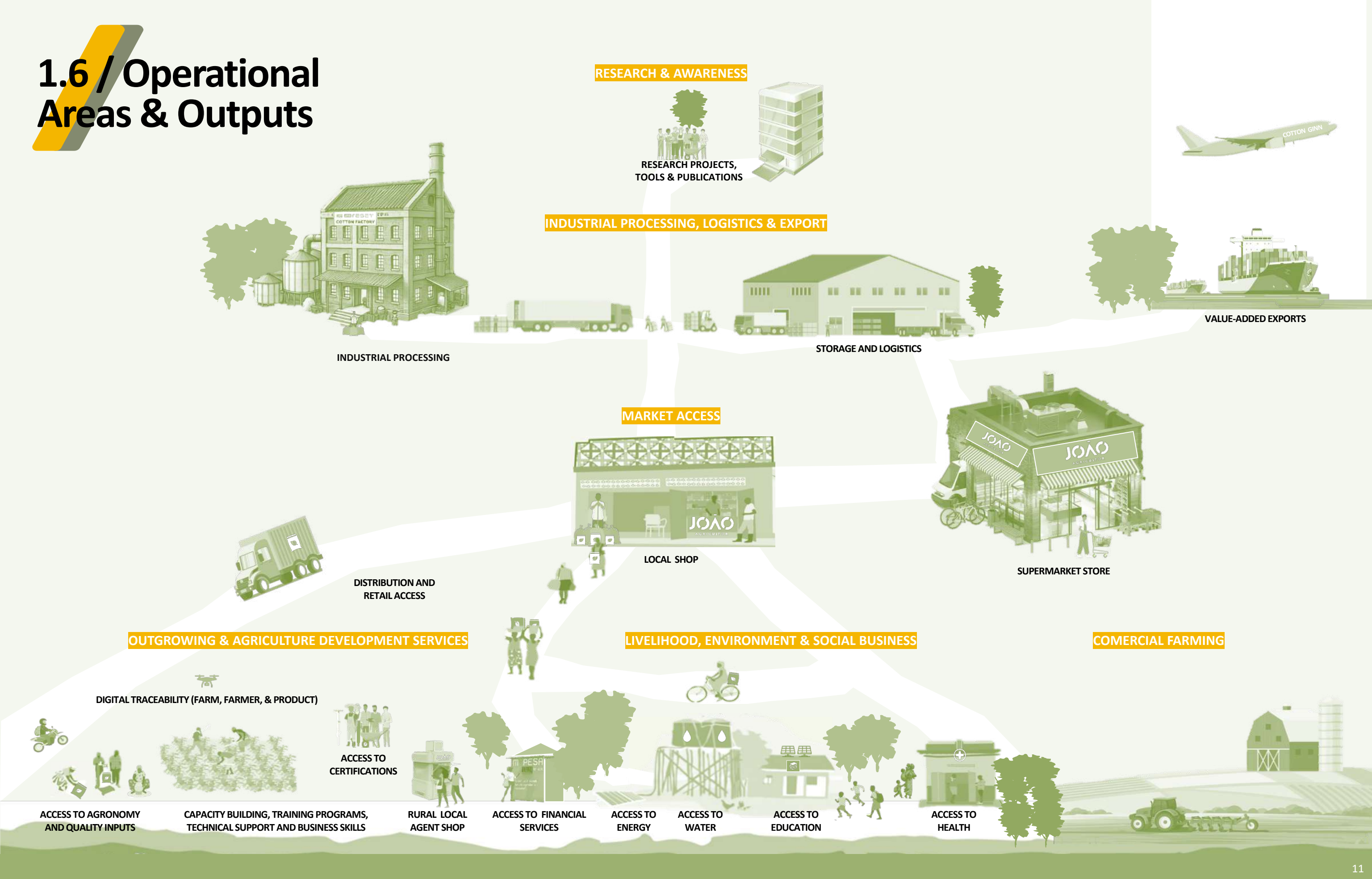


1.6 / Operational Areas & Outputs

RESET's operation portfolio and main chain of value, services and products.



1.6 / Operational Areas & Outputs



1.7 / Geographic Operational Scope



RESET's geographic action scope encompasses diverse regions, fostering sustainable development and positive impact.

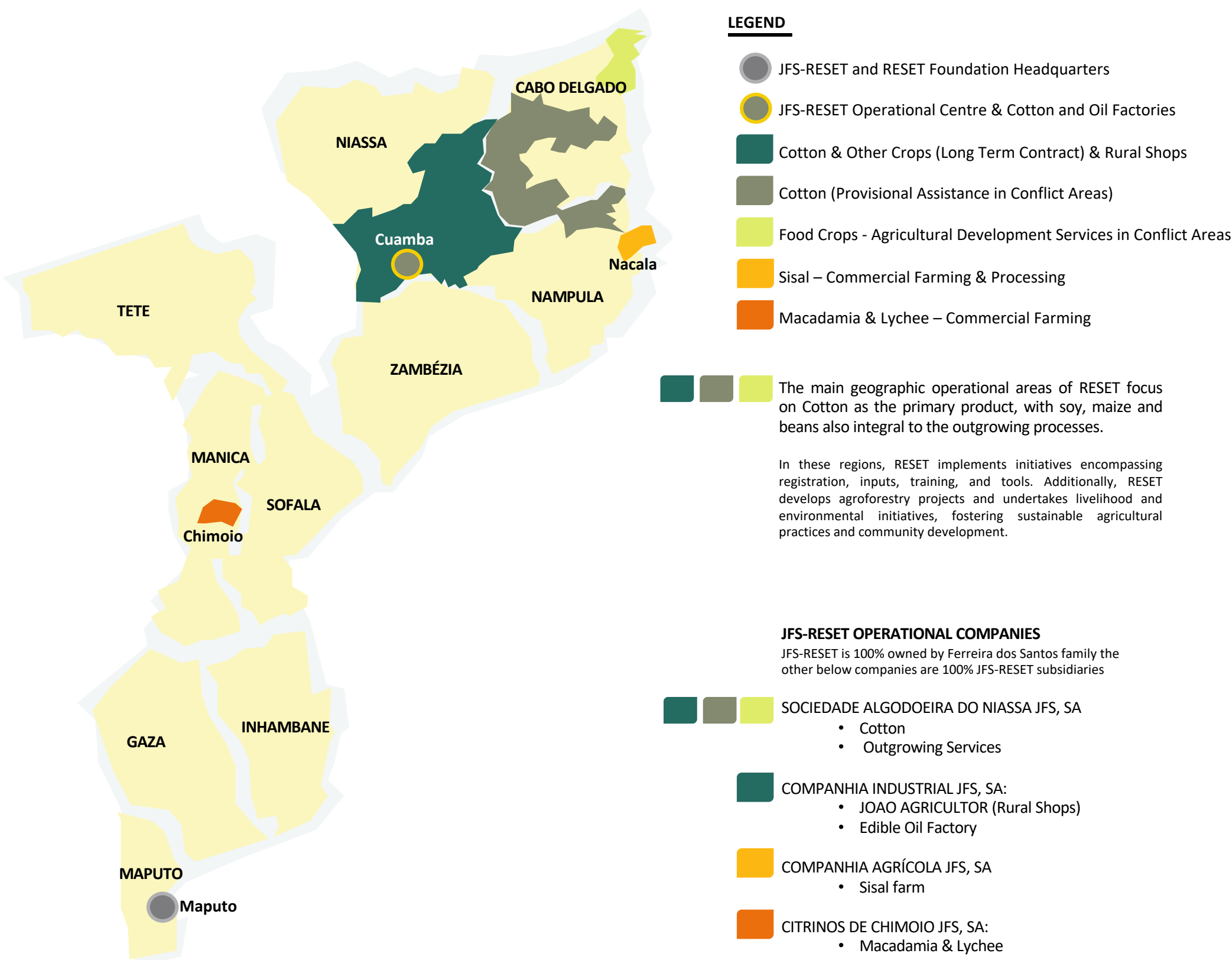


FIGURE 1 | RESET'S GEOGRAPHIC ACTION SCOPE



1.8 / Board, Head of Units & Managers

As our organization expands and adapts, ensuring a blend of expertise, experience, and diversity among our team.

SHAREHOLDERS



MARGARIDA FERREIRA DOS SANTOS




JOAO FERREIRA DOS SANTOS




FRANCISCO FERREIRA DOS SANTOS


EXECUTIVE BOARD



FRANCISCO F. DOS SANTOS
RESET, JFS-RESET, RESET FOUNDATION BOARD




ANTÓNIO CORREIA
RESET, JFS-RESET, RESET FOUNDATION BOARD




MANUEL DELGADO
JFS-RESET BOARD OPERATIONS




SALVADOR GANHANE
JFS-RESET BOARD CPO




RICARDO MARTINS
JFS-RESET BOARD CFO




FRANCESCA BRUSCHI
RESET FOUNDATION BOARD


HEAD OF UNITS AND MANAGERS



PRECIOSA MIAMBO
HEAD OF PEOPLE




HERNÂNIA MATAVELE
HEAD OF QUALITY




CASTRO ZUNGUZE
HEAD OF GOVERNANCE & LEGAL




SIAQUE NOVELA
HEAD OF CONTROLLING




LUIS RODRIGUES
HEAD OF LOGISTICS




JOSE ROSA
HEAD OF FINANCE




IVANS POPINSKY
HEAD OF AGRONOMY AND PRODUCTION




ABDALA BERNARDO
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ETEVALDO CHEVEIA
HEAD OF OUTGROWING SERVICES



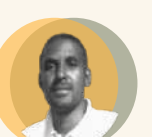

KATHLEEN ANGULO
IMPACT MANAGER




DIRCEU MELO
PROJECT MANAGER




CHRISTINE NSENGA
PEOPLE MANAGER

FRANCISCO SOUSA
COTTON GINN MANAGER




ANIL KUMAR
OIL FACTORY MANAGER



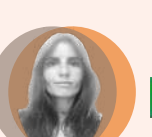

DERCIO AUGUSTAVO
RURAL SHOP COORDINATOR




CONCEICAO MONTEIRO
ECO-WARRIORS GROUP COORDINATOR




SHEILA COMÉ
FINANCIAL PROJECT MANAGER

JOANA RODO
HEAD OF RESEARCH




NUNO FRAZÃO
HEAD IMPACT SERVICES


LEGEND



1.9 / Main KPI & Financial Highlights



JFS-RESET exhibits a remarkably sturdy economic, operational and financial standing, characterized by a strong balance sheet.

SUSTAINED GROWTH AND FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

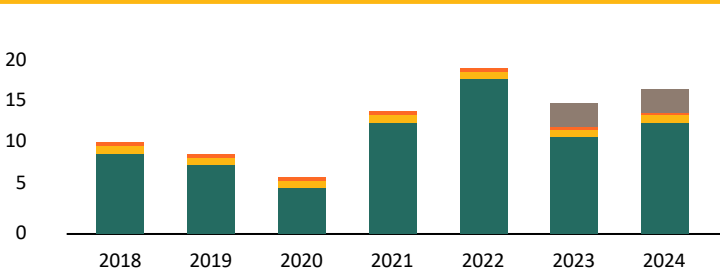
The JFS-RESET group has shown growth in turnover and profitability from 2018 to 2022, with slight declines projected for 2023 and 2024. These declines are attributed primarily to significant market fluctuations and the severe impacts of climate change. This growth was predominantly driven by Soc. Algodoeira do Niassa JFS, SA, with notable contributions from Companhia Agrícola JFS, SA, Coby Soc. Algodoeira do Niassa JFS, SA, with additional contributions from Companhia Agrícola JFS, SA, Companhia Industrial JFS, SA, and Citrinos de Chimoio JFS, SA. EBITDA mirrored this trajectory, peaking in 2022 due to lean operational efficiencies, although a reduction in profitability is anticipated in the following years. The group's net worth also showed a steady increase from 2019, reaching its highest level in 2022, reflecting the overall strength and resilience of its operations.

In 2023, key financial ratios demonstrate JFS-RESET's solid financial standing, with an Equity to Assets Ratio of 53%, indicating a strong reliance on equity financing, and a Solvency Ratio of 1.1, highlighting its capacity to meet long-term obligations. The Return on Equity (ROE) stands at 10.6%, showcasing efficient use of equity to generate shareholder returns. These metrics underscore the group's financial resilience and its capacity to sustain growth despite evolving market conditions.

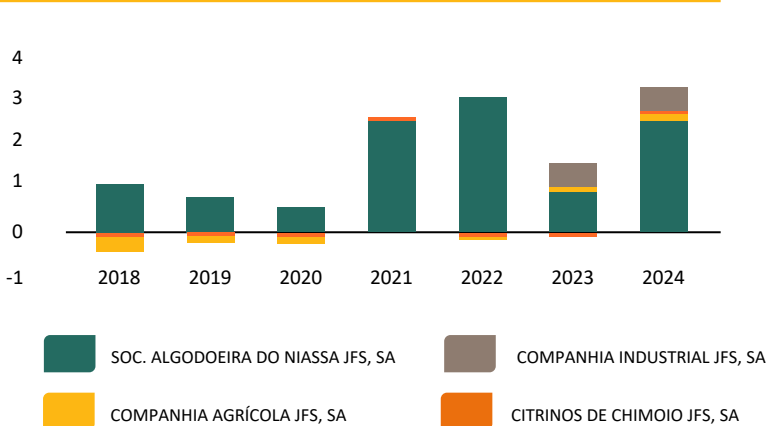
MAIN PERFORMANCE KPI'S (2023)

FARMERS	32,630 (Nº)
FARM TO BALE TRACEABILITY	100 (%)
OUTGROWING	20,883 (HA)
DIRECT FARMING	1,350 (HA)
SEED-COTTON PRODUCTION	10,820 (TON)
COTTON HA/FARMER	0.64
VALUE OF PRODUCT PURCHASED FROM FARMERS	5,1 (MM USD)
VALUE OF INPUTS PROVIDED ON CREDIT TO FARMERS	1,1 (MM USD)
VALUE OF INPUTS/TOOLS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO FARMERS	0,59 (MM USD)
GHOST FARMERS	14%
INPUT RECOVERY RATIO ON FARMERS WHO SOLD COTTON	92%
RURAL SHOPS	12 (Nº)
WOMEN COMMUNITY AGENTS	345 (Nº)
LIVELIHOOD GOODS SOLD TO FARMERS	1,8 (MM USD)
SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS	10,180 (Nº)
REPAYMENT RATE ON SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS	66 (%)
COTTON FARMING CARBON EMISSIONS	NET NEGATIVE

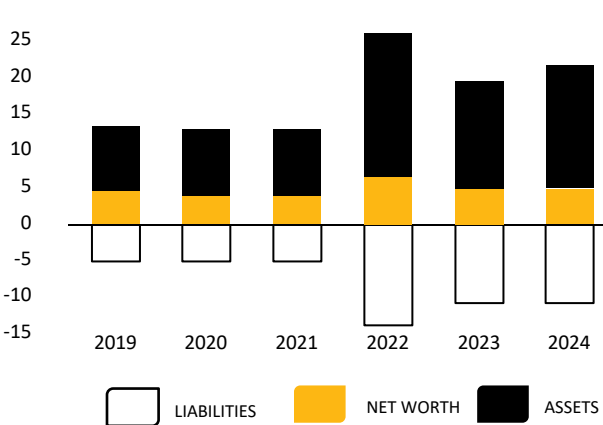
JFS-RESET TURNOVER (USD MM)



JFS-RESET EBITDA (USD MM)



JFS-RESET NET WORTH (USD MM)



JFS-RESET AGGREGATED RATIOS 2023

EQUITY TO ASSETS	53%
SOLVENCY	1.1
ROE – RETURN ON EQUITY	10.6%

1.10 / Standards & Certifications

At JFS-RESET, through SAN - *Sociedade Algodoeira do Niassa* JFS, SA, operational interventions, we adhere to internationally recognized standards and certifications, ensuring the highest levels of quality, sustainability, and compliance throughout our operations.

AGRICULTURAL CERTIFICATIONS

COTTON MADE IN AFRICA CERTIFICATION



The Cotton Made in Africa (CMIA) certification improves the African smallholder cotton farmers' livelihoods by promoting sustainable farming practices and ginning process.

BETTER COTTON CERTIFICATION



The Better Cotton certification promotes sustainable cotton farming worldwide based on sustainable and holistic impact, in a continuous improvement journey. Adhering to BC standards helps farmers lower environmental impact, improve worker well-being, and support the cotton sector's long-term sustainability, assuring consumers of responsibly produced cotton.

ISCC CERTIFICATION



ISCC - International Sustainability and Carbon Certification, enabling exports to the EU under new regulations. This certification highlights our commitment to combating deforestation, promoting responsible land use, and supporting global climate change efforts.

REGENAGRI CERTIFICATION



REGENAGRI certification, a standard that promotes regenerative agriculture practices. This certification will further our commitment to restoring ecosystems, enhancing soil health, and supporting biodiversity, aligning our efforts with global sustainability goals while advancing responsible and resilient farming practices.

PERFORMANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE



The Environmental License, issued by the Mozambique Ministry of Land, Environment, and Rural Development (MITADER), signifies our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. This license ensures that our operations comply with environmental regulations and standards, minimizing our environmental impact and promoting responsible resource management.

ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION



The ISO 9001:2015 certification, issued by the National Institute of Quality (INNOQ), demonstrates our dedication to maintaining high standards of quality management and continuous improvement in our processes and services. This certification ensures that our operations are aligned with internationally recognized quality management principles, enhancing customer satisfaction and trust in our brand.

MADE IN MOZAMBIQUE CERTIFICATION



The Made in Mozambique certification, issued by the Mozambique Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC), underscores our commitment to supporting local industries and promoting economic development in Mozambique. This certification verifies that our products are manufactured or produced within the borders of Mozambique, contributing to job creation and economic growth in the region.

1.11/ Main Key Stakeholders

Collaboration and cooperation among these stakeholders are crucial for realizing the potential, improving livelihoods, and driving growth in the sector, ensuring sustainable development, maximizing social & environmental impact and economic return.



FARMERS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

The heart of the agricultural sector. They are the primary producers of agricultural commodities and play a vital role in driving production, productivity, and innovation. Their engagement and empowerment are essential for the success of agricultural initiatives.



AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS, COOPERATIVES AND PMES

Various agricultural associations, cooperatives and local PME's represent the interests of farmers and facilitate collective action. These organizations provide support, training, market access, and advocacy for farmers, enabling them to enhance productivity, access resources, and participate in export markets.



PRIVATE SECTOR

Private companies, including agribusinesses, traders, processors, exporters, and input suppliers, are significant stakeholders in Mozambique's agricultural market. They contribute to value addition, market linkages, and investment in agricultural infrastructure and technology. Private sector engagement is crucial for expanding market opportunities, improving value chains, and driving export growth.



NATIONAL AND EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS AND CONSUMERS

Customers and consumers are pivotal stakeholders in Mozambique's agriculture. Understanding consumer preferences, market demands, quality standards, and compliance requirements is crucial for accessing and satisfying both local and international markets.



FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Financial institutions, such as banks and development finance institutions, play a crucial role in supporting economic development and financial stability



RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND EXTENSION INSTITUTIONS

Research institutions, universities, and extension services play a critical role in generating knowledge, conducting research, and disseminating information and best practices to farmers. Their contributions help improve agricultural techniques, introduce new technologies, and enhance the overall competitiveness of Mozambique's agricultural sector.



AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS & NGOs

Development partners and donors, including international organizations, NGOs, and bilateral agencies, provide technical assistance, financial support, and capacity-building programs to enhance agricultural productivity, promote sustainable practices, and facilitate market access. It is fundamental to promote cooperation and alignment, aiming at streamlining value chains and sustainable development of the entire system, including small-holder farmers and companies.



GOVERNMENT

The government of Mozambique, through central, provincial and district-level and through other public institutions, plays a vital role in setting policy direction, establishing regulatory frameworks, and supporting the agricultural sector. These institutions are responsible for formulating and implementing agricultural policies, allocating resources, and coordinating initiatives to drive agricultural development and boost exports.



1.12 / Shared-value Partners

Creating governmental, private, scientific, social and community bridges, RESET thrives formal and informal collaborations towards sustainable development for all.

PRIVATE

Private sector informal and formal partners that contribute with their business, innovative technologies, and financial resources, offering a pragmatic perspective on sustainability and efficiency.



SOCIAL & IMPACT INVESTORS

Social investment, technical informal and formal partners including NGOs and civil society organizations, bring deep insights into community needs and social dynamics, offering a grassroots perspective and other resources that ensures that all interventions are relevant and impactful.



SCIENTIFIC & CERTIFICATION

Scientific informal and formal partners are our compass, guiding RESET's journey towards evidence-based solutions and groundbreaking impact.



GOVERNAMENTAL AND PUBLIC

Local Public and international informal and formal partners, that provide essential regulatory support, and a platform for large-scale impact, ensuring the alignment of projects with national and regional development goals.



SOURCE: CE (2021), [Quadruple Helix Collaborations in Practice](#)

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100%

COVERAGE OF BCI
CERTIFICATION (2024)

ZERO
IRRIGATION

RAIN-FED COTTON (2024)

0%

SUPPLIED HERBICIDE FOR
COTTON (2024)

15,500

FARMERS WITH DIRECT SUPPORT
TO FOOD SECURITY AND CROP
DIVERSIFICATION JFS-RESET
PROGRAMS (SINCE 2024)

12

JOÃO AGRICULTOR
ACTIVE STORES (2024)

345

WOMEN COMMUNITY SALES
AGENTS OF SHS – ECO WARRIORS
INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY (2024)

5,1MM

USD FARMER REVENUES FROM
COTTON (2023-2024)

100%

FARM TO BALE TRACEABILITY
(2024)

8

SDG MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
PARTNERSHIPS NETWORKS
(2024)

32,630

FARMERS REGISTERED (34%
WOMEN) WITH BIOMETRIC
IDENTITY (2023)

120,000

TREE SEEDLINGS (2024)

11,605

HOUSEHOLDS WITH ACCESS
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY &
TOOLS (2024)

0,59M

USD WORTH OF FARMING TOOLS
AND GOODS PROVIDED TO
FARMERS AT ZERO COST (2024)

5,500

COMMUNITIES PERSONS
WITH ACCESS TO WATER
SOLUTION (2024)

26%

FARMERS THAT INVEST ON
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (2023)

10

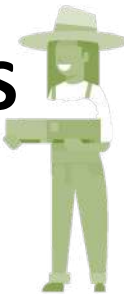
HOUSEHOLD AND SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH
STUDIES (2024)

36

SDG PUBLIC, PRIVATE,
ACADEMIC AND CIVIL SOCIETY
PARTNERS (2024)

1,376

USD MILLIONS – CUMULATIVE VALUE OF THE
SEED-COTTON SOLD BY FARMERS TO JFS-RESET
IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED AREAS (2022-2024)



THE MAIN IMPACTS

THE MAIN SOLUTIONS



THE MAIN CHALLENGES



40%

MOZAMBIKAN AGRICULTURAL LAND IS
DEGRADED

267K

HECTARES OF FOREST LOST
PER YEAR

62,8%

OF THE POPULATION LIVES
BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

137TH

OUT OF 141 COUNTRIES IN
INFRASTRUCTURE QUALITY

2.2 / Environmental Indicators

100%

COVERAGE OF CMIA CERTIFICATION (2024)

100%

COVERAGE OF BCI CERTIFICATION (2024)

78%

COVERAGE OF ISCC CERTIFICATION (2024)

3%

COVERAGE OF REGENAGRI CERTIFICATION (2024)

1,109

SMALL-HOLDER FARMS REACHED WITH REGENERATIVE TECHNIQUES (2024)

77

FARMERS PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIC PILOT PROGRAMS (2024)

NET POSITIVE

COTTON PRODUCTION CO2 EMISSIONS CALCULATED BY ICAC COTTON EXPERT APPLICATION SIMULATION

ZERO IRRIGATION

RAIN-FED COTTON (2024)

120,000

TREE SEEDLINGS (2024)

15 LIFE ON LAND



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



1.57kg/ha

MOZAMBIQUE IS AMONG THE LOWEST PESTICIDE USERS GLOBALLY (2024)*

0%

SUPPLIED FERTILIZER FOR COTTON (2024)

748

REGISTERED & TRAINED ECO-WARRIORS WOMAN'S

0%

SUPPLIED HERBICIDE FOR COTTON (2024)

49,187

COLLECTED AND RECYCLED PESTICIDE BOTTLES (2024)

1,798

COLLECTED USED BATTERIES (2024)

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



99%

BIOMASS COMBUSTION COOKING FUEL (2024)

1,425

FARMERS WITH SOLAR ULVA SPRAYERS (2024)

11,605

HOUSEHOLDS WITH ACCESS RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY (2024)

66%

FARMERS REPAYMENT RATE ALIGNED WITH THE THREE-YEAR PAYMENT PLAN (2024)

10

SCHOOLS WITH SOLAR POWER BANKS, TO PROMOTE CHILD ATTENDANCE (2024)

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



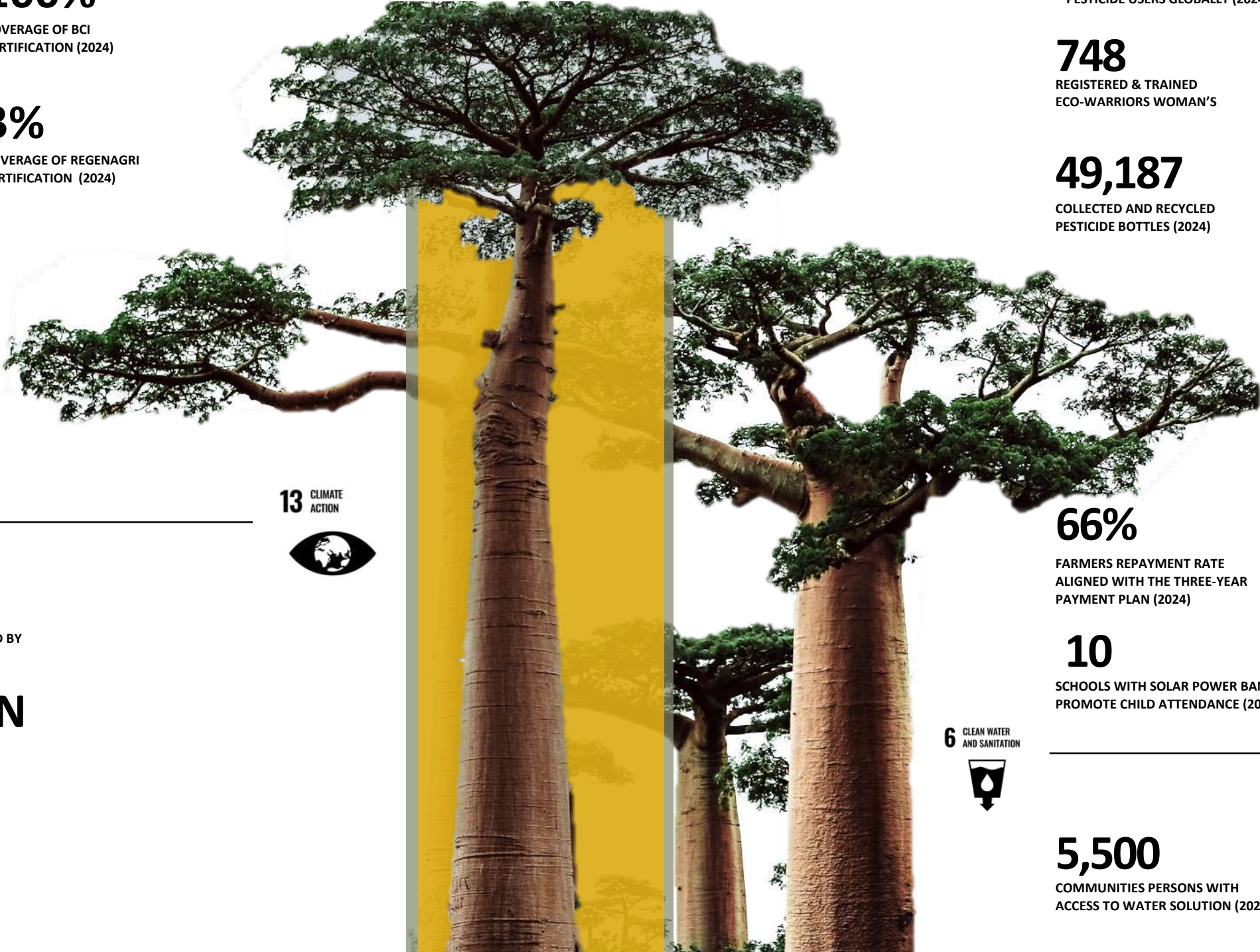
5,500

COMMUNITIES PERSONS WITH ACCESS TO WATER SOLUTION (2024)

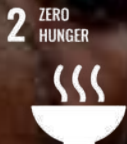
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SAFEWATER KHOMANE SCHOOL STUDENTS (2023)

13 CLIMATE ACTION



2.3 / Social Indicators



1,1MM

USD WORTH OF INPUTS ON CREDIT TO LOCAL FARMERS (2024)

92%

INPUTS RECOVERY RATIO ON FARMERS WHO SOLD COTTON (2024)

590,000

USD WORTH OF FARMING INPUTS, TOOLS AND GOODS PROVIDED TO FARMERS AT ZERO COST (2024)

12

JOÃO AGRICULTOR ACTIVE STORES (2024)

15,500

FARMERS WITH DIRECT SUPPORT TO FOOD SECURITY AND CROP DIVERSIFICATION JFS-RESET PROGRAM (2024)

17%

COMMUNITY NUTRITION DEPRIVATION (2024)



29%

FARMER GROSS INCOME INCREASE (2023-2024)

5,1MM

USD FARMER REVENUES FROM COTTON (2023-2024)

1

FINANCIAL SERVICES TAILORED SOLUTION (2024)



25%

RESET WOMEN WORKERS(2024)

11,097 | (34%)

RESET WOMEN RURAL FARMERS (2024)

74%

WOMAN'S CO-DECISION REGARDING THE DESTINATION OF INCOME GENERATED FROM SALES (2022)



26%

FARMERS THAT INVEST ON CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (2023)

510

GIRLS AND BOYS STUDENTS ACCESS TO AN IMPROVED SCHOOL (2023)

69%

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (2024)

2.4 / Governance Indicators

80,000
AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SUSTAINABLE
INFRASTRUCTURE SQUARE METERS (2024)

0.64
AVERAGE COTTON HECTARES
PER FARMER (2023)

33,255
FARM POLYGONS REGISTRATION (2023)

10
HOUSEHOLD AND SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STUDIES (2024)

ZERO
CONFIRMED GOVERNMENT
SUBSIDY FOR 2025 AND BEYOND

38
EXTENSION OFFICERS THAT PROVIDE
TECHNICAL TRAINING (2024)

4,041
INCOMING CONTACTS TO THE CALL
CENTRE, PROPERLY RESOLVED (2024)

5
FACTORIES, WAREHOUSES AND
PORCHES, STORE & WAREHOUSE (2024)

100%
FARM TO BALE TRACEABILITY (2024)

117
FLEET AND LARGE FARMING
EQUIPMENTS (2024)

6
TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION FOR EXTENSION
TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE TRAINING (2024)

3,840
NUMBER TRAINING SESSIONS
PROVIDED TO FARMERS (2023-2024)

27
NUMBER OF TRAINING VIDEO
MATERIAL IN USE (2024)

156
COTTON AND EXTENSION SERVICES
RADIO PROGRAM EDITIONS (2024)



5,500
LOCAL FARMERS FULL-TIME JOBS
EQUIVALENT (2023-2024)

63%
JFS-RESET INTERMEDIATE PROFESSIONAL
AND HIGHER EDUCATION LEVEL
WORKERS (2024)

1
RESET PEOPLE, WORKPLACE & CULTURE
REGULATION MANUAL (2024)

8
SDG MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
PARTNERSHIPS NETWORKS (2024)

6,269
NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCESSING
ESSENTIAL RESOURCES IN CONFLICT-
AFFECTED AREAS (2023-2024)

1.376
USD MILIONS – CUMULATIVE VALUE OF
THE SEED-COTTON SOLD BY FARMERS TO
JFS-RESET IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED AREAS
(2022-2024)

46
JFS-RESET YEARS TEAM AGE
AVERAGE (2024)

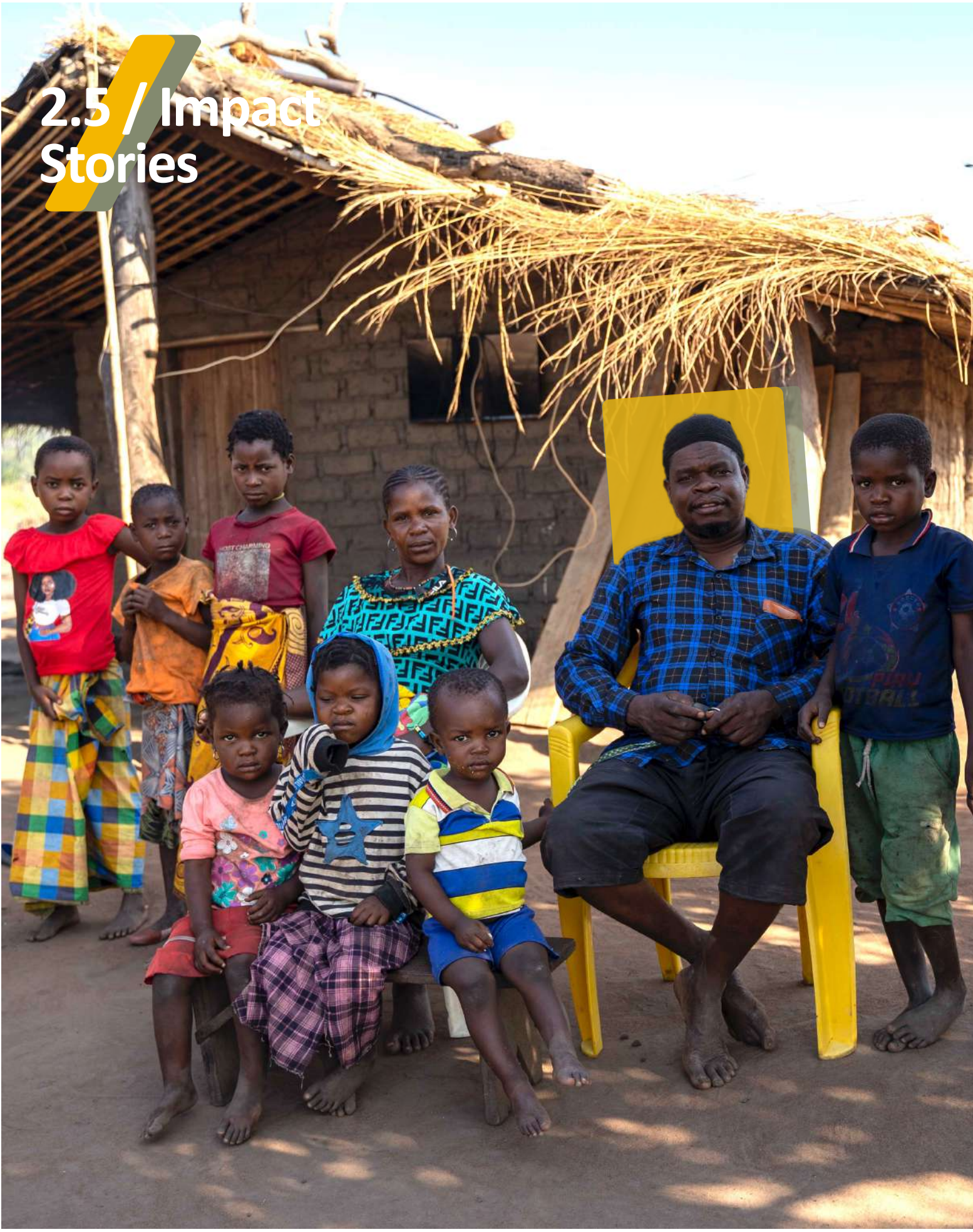
17%
JFS-RESET WOMEN
WORKERS (2024)

3
DATA-DRIVEN REPORTS WITH
INSIGHTS AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT (2024)

36
SDG PUBLIC, PRIVATE,
ACADEMIC AND CIVIL SOCIETY
PARTNERS (2024)

240,000
USD OF INPUTS PROVIDED BY JFS-RESET
IN THE COTTON SEASONS IN CONFLICT-
AFFECTED AREAS (2022-2024)

2.5 / Impact Stories



Rasul Lurião - Cultivating a Legacy of Growth from Resilience

MAIN LOCAL CHALLENGES

Rural farmers in Ruti face significant challenges that impact their livelihoods and quality of life. Like many others, Rasul has had to navigate water scarcity, with his family traveling long distances to collect water, which affects both productivity and daily hygiene. The absence of electricity in rural areas, including Rasul's machamba (farm), limits access to essential energy for farming and daily life, making solar panels a crucial yet costly solution for basic lighting and functionality. Rasul's journey also underscores the **vulnerability of farmers to climate conditions**, as unpredictable rainfall directly impacts crop yields and financial stability.

MEET RASUL LURIÃO

Rasul Lurião, born in 1974, started his farming journey at a young age by helping his parents in the fields. At 20, he established his first machamba and gradually expanded it to over 35 hectares, including cotton, maize, and soybean fields. Rasul has become a role model in his community, his determination to improve his family's livelihood while providing opportunities for his children highlights his unwavering commitment to resilience and growth. Rasul also employs seasonal workers and ensures their well-being through fair contracts and support.

"I have children who are studying. So, they need support, such as school supplies, uniforms, notebooks, books, and even recreational activities. I use the money I earn from my work to help support my children."

IMPACT IN CABO DELGADO

JFS-RESET, provided resources and tools that have transformed Rasul's agricultural practices. One of the most impactful contributions was the provision of a tractor, which has significantly increased his efficiency in plowing and preparing the fields. This support has allowed Rasul to **expand his machamba to 35 hectares, with cotton as the primary crop** and additional fields for maize and soybeans. Additionally, JFS-RESET facilitated access to solar panels, addressing the energy limitations in his rural area. Although not offered for free, these panels enable basic lighting and energy use, improving living conditions and productivity. Through consistent market access, JFS-RESET buys Rasul's cotton directly from his farm, ensuring a reliable income stream. The support has empowered Rasul to invest in infrastructure, such as storage facilities and housing, and maintain food security for his family and workers.

The main Positive Impacts on Rasul's Life Improved:

- Enhanced Agricultural Productivity:** With access to a tractor provided by JFS-RESET, Rasul has increased efficiency in plowing and planting, enabling him to cultivate larger areas.
- Support for Education:** Income from farming supports his children's education, covering school fees, uniforms, and materials.
- Community Leadership:** Rasul employs and supports local workers, fostering economic stability and collaboration in the community.
- Access to Solar Energy:** Solar panels, facilitated by JFS-RESET, provided lighting and basic energy needs, improving daily life on the farm.
- Food Security and Infrastructure:** Rasul built storage facilities for crops and ensures consistent food supplies for his family and workers.

2.5 / Impact Stories



Ana Bacar's Journey from Conflict to Sustainable Agriculture in Mocímboa da Praia.

MAIN LOCAL CHALLENGES

Mozambique continues to face significant challenges due to **terrorism and armed conflict**, particularly in the northern province of Cabo Delgado. Since 2017, violent insurgencies linked to extremist groups have caused widespread insecurity, destruction, and fear, leaving thousands of people dead and entire communities displaced. The conflict has resulted in over one million internally displaced persons (IDPs), straining local resources and humanitarian efforts. Vulnerable communities face severe shortages of food, water, and shelter, while access to healthcare and education remains critically limited.

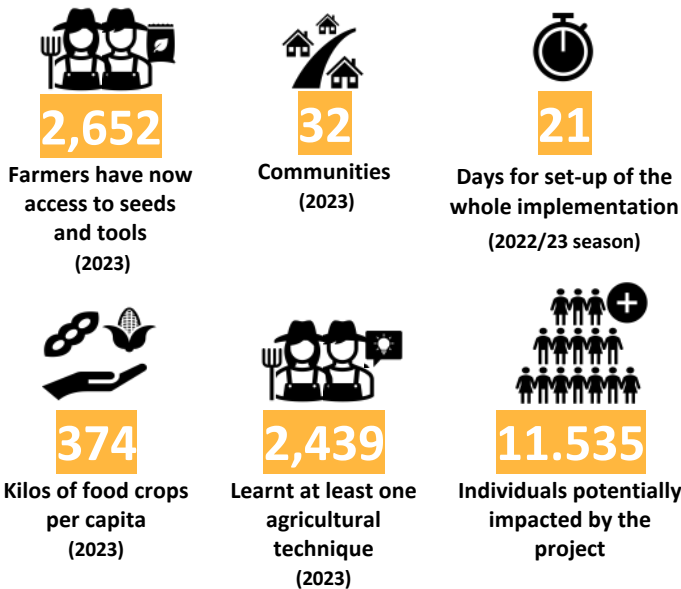
RESET was contracted to develop and implement a rapid response initiative, in the Palma and Mocímboa da Praia districts, sought to revitalize the agrarian economies of these areas amidst adversity, reaching close to the 3,000 farmers .

MEET ANA BACAR’S

Ana Bacar, a 42-year-old mother of five, lives in the Chibanga community of Mocímboa da Praia, relying solely on agriculture for her family’s livelihood. However, the ongoing regional conflicts severely disrupted her ability to farm, resulting in the loss of her crops, seed reserves, and income, forcing her family to depend on humanitarian aid for survival.

Ana became part of an initiative, implemented by JFS-RESET aimed at rebuilding agricultural resilience in the region. The intervention focused on providing essential agricultural assets, including high-grade seeds, fertilizers, and farming tools, alongside expert guidance to maximize their use throughout the farming cycle. With training in **sustainable agricultural practices**, Ana significantly improved her family’s food security. During the 2022/23 agricultural season, she harvested over 0.5 tonnes of grain crops, ensuring sufficient food for her family’s needs.

IMPACT IN CABO DELGADO



“Agriculture it’s the foundation of my family’s survival and our hope for a better future.”

This initiative also established an agricultural development framework that **empowered local farmers through systematic training**, fostering both agronomic productivity and collaborative relationships. By equipping farmers with essential knowledge and tools, this framework has the potential to not only enhance food security but also strengthen the economic foundations of the region.

2.5 / Impact Stories



Sowing Strength - Cristina and Samuel's Journey of Hope in Ruti

MAIN LOCAL CHALLENGES

The lack of access to essential resources such as water, seeds, and farming tools hinders agricultural productivity, while unpredictable rainfall and drought amplify the risks associated with farming. Financial constraints further compound these difficulties, as the absence of savings mechanisms limits long-term planning and emergency preparedness. Barriers to education, driven by financial struggles, prevent many children from accessing the materials needed to stay in school, perpetuating cycles of poverty within the community. Similar to Rasul's challenges, the **lack of infrastructure and resources** prevents families from saving or investing in long-term solutions, forcing them to depend on seasonal farming income.

MEET CRISTINA AND SAMUEL

Cristina and Samuel family, arrived in Ruti, since 1999 with hopes of building a sustainable future through farming. Over the years, they cultivated diverse crops like cotton, maize, sesame, and beans, while battling the challenges of limited water access, erratic climate conditions, and financial constraints. Despite these difficulties, they remained committed to their farming roots, working tirelessly to improve their livelihoods and support their community.

"We started receiving 5 kilos of maize per person seed to plant. This was very important. It means, that will be more food. But most of the time, it's not for selling; it's for consumption. It's to feed these grandchildren who are studying and need nourishment."

IMPACT IN CABO DELGADO

JFS supports farmers in Ruti by providing essential agricultural inputs such as maize and cotton seeds, enabling crop diversification and improving food security. This support helps farmers generate income from cotton sales to purchase school materials and sustain their families. JFS also promotes better farming techniques, encouraging diversification beyond cotton to enhance resilience and profitability. Through these efforts, along with logistical support for resource distribution, JFS empowers farmers to overcome challenges, foster community collaboration, and build more sustainable and self-sufficient livelihoods.

The key positive impacts on Cristina and Samuel include:

- 1. Improved Food Security:** Diversifying crops such as maize and beans reduced dependency on cotton and provided more reliable sustenance for the family.
- 2. Education Access:** Income from farming enabled the purchase of school supplies, ensuring children could attend school and pursue their studies.
- 3. Community Empowerment:** Collaboration within the farming community fostered mutual support, from sharing seeds to exchanging farming techniques.
- 4. Resilience Through Adaptation:** Despite hardships, the family adapted by incorporating sustainable practices like crop diversification and charcoal production for additional income.
- 5. Hope for the Future:** The family's commitment to education and farming instilled a sense of purpose and progress, inspiring others in their community to persevere.

2.5 / Impact Stories



Aida André's Journey: From Orphan to Empowered Professional at JFS-RESET

POVERTY IN MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique faces significant social challenges, including widespread **poverty and limited access to social security** and job opportunities, particularly for women in rural areas. These challenges are intensified by systemic issues, including widespread poverty (63% living below the poverty line), low coverage on the social security, where the system strives to provide comprehensive protection to its citizens, with ongoing efforts to expand coverage and improve the effectiveness of social protection programs (covering about 7.3% of the labour force).



63%

of Mozambicans live below the poverty line, with high unemployment rates disproportionately affecting youth and women



7,3%

labour force social protection coverage

MEET AIDA ANDRÉ

Aida André, hailing from a humble family with five sisters, faced immense challenges from an early age. Her journey took a life-changing turn in 2006 when her father passed away while she was in fifth grade. With her mother unemployed and unwell, Aida's struggles intensified, culminating in the loss of her mother two years later. Orphaned and without financial support, Aida and her siblings were placed in orphanages across Niassa Province. Years later, she encountered a Portuguese family supporting the orphanage who, upon hearing her story, committed to funding her education. This generosity allowed Aida to pursue a degree in Public Administration at UCM.

In 2017, Aida joined JFS-RESET as an IT Assistant, despite the challenges of adapting to a role outside her field of study. She later advanced to the Technical Production Department, where she supported communication between the company and farmers via the call center.

"This company has become my second home. JFS-RESET has completely transformed my life, and I can now independently support myself."

Aida faced significant hurdles in her role, particularly in managing the software system to send reports to farmers, directors, and engineers. Initially, errors were frequent, leading to constructive criticism that motivated her to improve. Her perseverance and **skill development** led to her successful contribution to the seamless cotton-seed purchase campaign of 2023/2024—a moment of pride in her career.

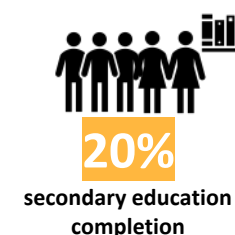
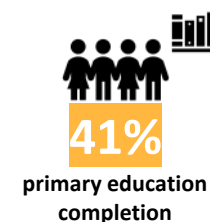
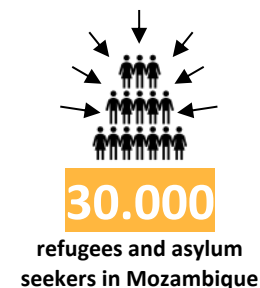
2.5 / Impact Stories



Christine's Journey - from Refugee to Leader.

REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique faces significant socio-economic and migration challenges, compounded by hosting over **30,000 refugees and asylum seekers**, primarily fleeing conflict from neighbouring countries. Refugees encounter barriers such as limited access to formal employment, education, and basic services. These challenges are intensified by systemic issues, including low primary and secondary education completion (41% and 20% respectively), high unemployment (70% of those employed work in subsistence agriculture with minimal productivity), and gender inequality (Mozambique ranks 136th out of 191 countries on the Gender Inequality).



MEET CHRISTINE NSENGA'S

Christine, a Burundian refugee, arrived in Mozambique in 2006 at the young age of 13, fleeing instability in her homeland. Despite the obstacles associated with displacement—such as **limited access to education, employment, and resources**—she found an opportunity for transformation through JFS-RESET dedicated to rural development and social inclusion.

Christine joined JFS-RESET in Cuamba in November 2015 as an Administrative Assistant. Over the years, with guidance and support from JFS-RESET's **employment and training programs**, she demonstrated exceptional adaptability and skill development. By 2017, she had taken on diverse roles across key areas, including project logistics, asset management, quality control, and corporate social responsibility.

"JFS-RESET has given me growth opportunities, reflecting RESET's focus on practical skills and leadership development."

Now serving as the Head of People for all of JFS-RESET, Christine is a shining example of how targeted initiatives can break barriers and empower individuals. JFS-RESET addresses these systemic challenges by fostering **inclusive employment practices**, offering training programs, and creating pathways for women to thrive. Through Christine's leadership, the organization has expanded its efforts to prioritize gender equity and support community-driven development. Her role involves not only creating meaningful employment opportunities but also inspiring other women to take active roles in shaping their futures. Christine's journey reflects the profound impact of investing in women as agents of change, driving economic growth and social progress in rural Mozambique.

3 / Impact Framework

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3.1 / Central ESG's and SDG's

RESET's key ESG and SDG impact priorities.



RESET tackles key Environmental SDG challenges by enhancing biodiversity, reducing pesticide use, and restoring degraded land through agroforestry and regenerative farming. Agroforestry integrates trees into farming systems, boosting biodiversity, improving soil fertility, and reducing chemical dependency. These practices also promote optimized water usage, enhance water retention in the soil, making farming more efficient and sustainable.

By regenerating soil and sequestering carbon, RESET supports resilient farming communities, ensuring long-term environmental sustainability and increased agricultural productivity.



RESET is dedicated to improving access to high-quality inputs and enhancing agricultural productivity by providing farmers with the resources they need to grow more efficiently and sustainably. By connecting smallholders to markets and ensuring they receive fair prices, RESET helps increase incomes, directly contributing to the eradication of extreme poverty.

These efforts not only boost farmers' economic resilience but also foster stronger, more sustainable agricultural systems, paving the way for long-term growth, improved livelihoods, and the ultimate goal of eradicating extreme poverty in rural communities.



RESET addresses key Governance SDG challenges by enhancing agro-industrial sustainable infrastructure, promoting scientific research and technological upgrades, and expanding access to technical training, business skills and decent work opportunities. Concurrently, fostering scientific research and technological advancements enables the development of innovative and efficient farming practices, driving sustainability across the agricultural sector.

These efforts are further strengthened by multi-stakeholder partnerships, bringing together governments, businesses, and communities to collaborate on creating a robust, sustainable agricultural ecosystem that fosters long-term economic growth, social equity, and environmental resilience.

3.2 / Strategic and impacted ESG's and SDG's

Secondary impacted RESET ESG's and SDG's.



RESET is committed to enhancing CO2 capture, by improving database management system, and promoting sustainable farming and waste management practices. By expanding access to water and sanitation, as well as providing solar energy solutions, RESET aims to drive environmental sustainability and resource efficiency.

These initiatives not only support the transition to a low-carbon economy but also improve community resilience, ensuring long-term environmental health, better living conditions, and sustainable development in rural areas. Through these efforts, RESET contributes to building stronger, self-sustaining communities with access to clean energy and essential resources.



RESET is dedicated to improving access to technology, financial services, and other essential resources while promoting education and providing communities with the tools and training they need to thrive. By empowering individuals and enhancing access to these critical services, RESET helps foster economic resilience and long-term growth.

A key focus of RESET's mission is promoting women's participation, leadership, and decision-making in all areas of development. Through targeted training and empowerment initiatives, RESET ensures that women play an active role in shaping their communities, leading to more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable progress. These efforts collectively contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty and driving transformative social change.



RESET is dedicated to promoting ethics, transparency, and responsible business conduct throughout all its operations, ensuring integrity and accountability at every level. By upholding these principles, RESET fosters trust and establishes a strong foundation for sustainable and equitable development.

Additionally, RESET actively strives to reduce all forms of violence, particularly in vulnerable communities, by supporting food security initiatives in conflict zones. Through targeted training, access to agricultural tools, and enhanced food security measures, RESET aims to create safer, more inclusive environments where individuals and communities can thrive, free from violence and inequality.

3.3/SDG's Targets

The global United Nations SDG targets that RESET is actively contributing to for the development of Mozambique.



1.1: Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day.
1.2: Reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women, and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions.
1.4: Ensure that all, particularly the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, basic services, ownership, and control over land and other forms of property, natural resources, appropriate new technology, and financial services.



2.1: End hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food all year round.
2.3: Double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources, and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets



4.3: Ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational, and tertiary education, including university.
4.4: substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, promote decent jobs, and enable entrepreneurship.



5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
5.5: Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, and public life.



6.1: achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.
6.4: substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply



7.1: ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services.
7.A: enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology.
7.B: expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries.



8.2: Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading, and innovation, including through a focus on high-value-added and labor-intensive sectors.
8.5: achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.



9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure to support economic development and human well-being.
9.4 Upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies.
9.5 Enhance scientific research, upgrade technological capabilities in industrial sectors, and promote innovation.



12.2: achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.
12.6: Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle.
12.a Strengthen scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production.



13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries.
13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising, and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning.



15.3: combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought, and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world.
15.9: By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies, and accounts.



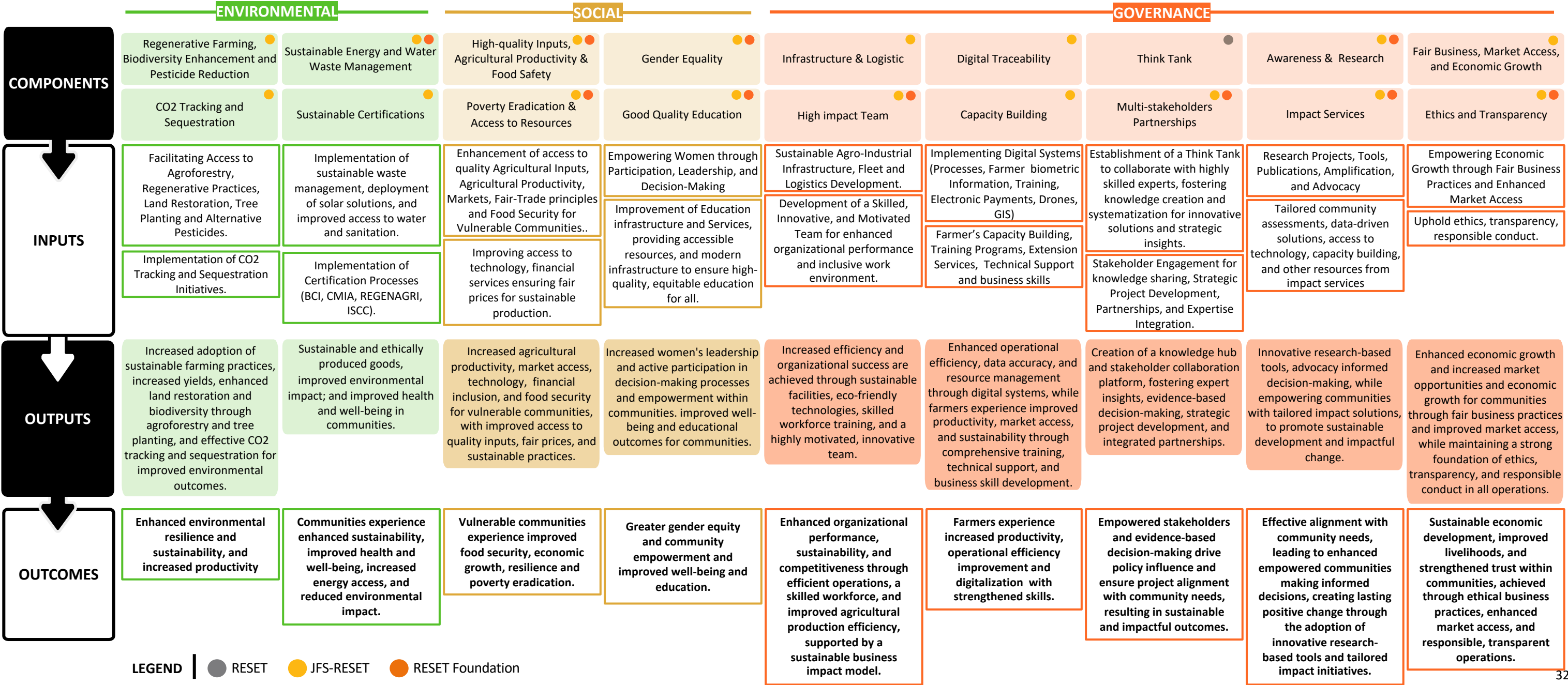
16.1: Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.
16.5: Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.
16.6: Develop effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels.
16.7: Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making at all levels.



17.16: Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources, to support the achievement of the SDG in all countries, particularly developing countries.
17.17: Encourage and promote effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

3.4 / Theory of Change

The end of extreme poverty in rural communities and the beginning of soil and ecosystem regeneration, in harmony with the planet.



3.5 / Impact Framework Process Model

The impact measurement mainframe process - Embarking on a journey of strategic refinement and impactful measurement, RESET is dedicated to maximizing value creation, building stakeholder trust, and ensuring sustainable success.

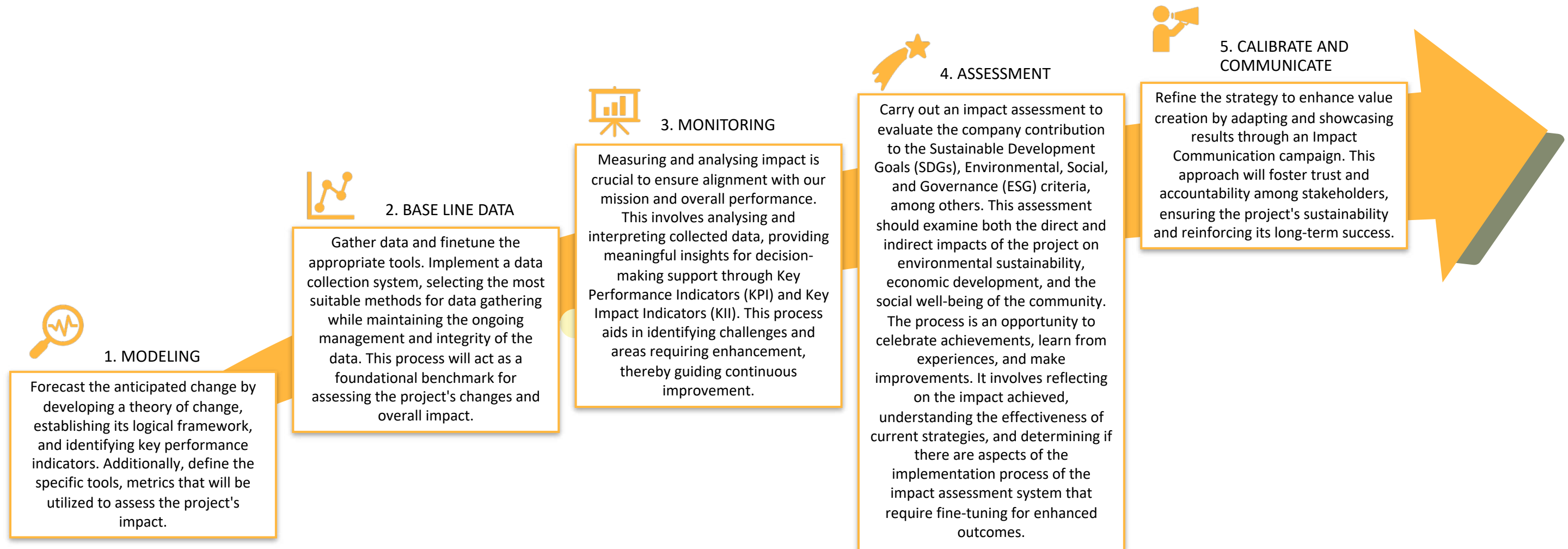


FIGURE 2 | IMPACT MEASUREMENT MAINFRAME PROCESS

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RESET champions sustainable solutions to address critical environmental challenges, fostering a healthier, more resilient planet.



RESET is dedicated to **revitalizing soil and land health** through **regenerative farming** practices that **minimize pesticide** use, **enhance biodiversity**, and restore ecosystems. By promoting methods that prioritize ecological balance and sustainability.



RESET is committed to combating climate change through **agroforestry systems** and conservation agriculture. These practices not only actively **capture carbon in soil and vegetation** but also enhance biodiversity and strengthen the resilience of local livelihoods.



RESET is developing advanced **database management systems** that facilitate sustainable farming practices, while proactively establishing community-based **waste management solutions**. These initiatives focus particularly on collecting used pesticide bottles and batteries from farming sprayers, reducing environmental impact and promoting responsible waste disposal in agricultural communities.



RESET also focuses on **sustainable energy solutions**, helping communities gain access to reliable, eco-friendly energy sources.



RESET is dedicated to improving **access to clean water**, aiming to address fundamental health and hygiene needs in rural communities.



4.2 / Restore Land and Soil & Enhance Biodiversity

Certifications, regenerative farming practices and organic cotton pilots drive efforts to restore degraded land, improve soil health, and increase biodiversity.

RESET CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES THROUGH JFS-RESET

JFS-RESET's **certifications**, are applied through the operational JFS-RESET company, reflecting a robust commitment to sustainability, ensuring that its operations not only meet international standards but also actively contribute to environmental protection and community well-being.

The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) certification focuses on improving cotton farming globally by reducing environmental impacts and enhancing the livelihoods of farming communities. Cotton made in Africa (CMIA) similarly emphasizes sustainable practices in African cotton production, benefiting both farmers and ecosystems. ISCC certification, recently obtained in response to new EU regulations, ensures that JFS-RESET adheres to sustainable sourcing standards, especially concerning deforestation-free land use. Although these regulations are not yet applicable to cotton, this certification positions the company ahead of compliance expectations. Regenagri certification represents a step forward in regenerative agriculture, a key area where JFS-RESET evaluates its farming practices for sustainability improvements. This certification supports the company's transition towards more eco-friendly, soil-regenerative methods, and it is being reviewed for further expansion. Additionally, ISO:9001:2015 demonstrates the company's commitment to quality management systems, and the Environmental License issued by MITADER (Mozambique's Ministry of Land, Environment, and Rural Development) confirms its adherence to local environmental regulations.

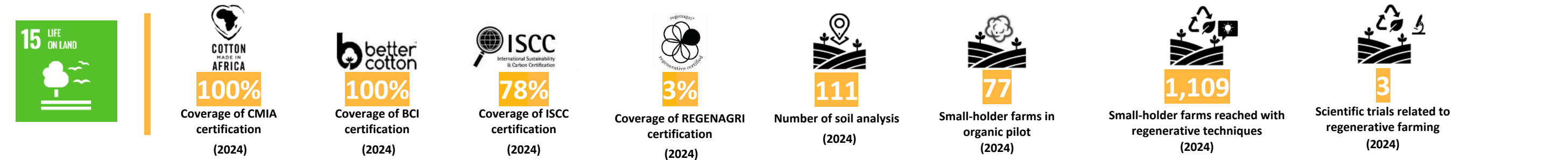
RESTORE DEGRADED LAND AND SOIL & BIODIVERSITY REGENERATION

Within the CMIA umbrella, JFS-RESET was part of the international CAR-iSMa Project - Climate Adaptation and Resilience initiative, also including one company from Zambia and one company from Ivory Coast The project's primary goal was to increase the resilience and productivity of smallholder farmers through sustainable agricultural practices that directly benefit both the environment and local communities. Key activities in 2023 and 2024 included developing a practical guide for soil assessment, conducting training of trainers (ToTs) in the three countries, and facilitating knowledge exchange visits among project partners, with a strong emphasis on **restoring degraded land and promoting biodiversity** as a central component of sustainable farming.

Within the Growth Innovation Fund from Better Cotton, JFS-RESET was able to consolidate its Better Cotton program, while also analysing soil from 111 farms, also developing a GIS map and report, with a comprehensive macro analysis of the soil and land situation of the vast number of small-holder farms.

JFS-RESET has been actively collaborating with both national and international partners on **regenerative farming**, working to develop innovative concepts and solutions tailored to Mozambique's unique environmental, social, and economic conditions. Notably, Mr. Ernst Gotsch, with the Agenda Gotsch organization, ha pioneer in syntropic farming and widely recognized for his contributions to regenerative agriculture, has been involved in guiding JFS-RESET's technical team since 2021. His expertise has helped shape the organization's approach to sustainable farming, integrating regenerative principles that enhance soil health, biodiversity, and overall ecosystem resilience. Within JFS-RESET, 1,109 farmers were supported with advanced conservation and regenerative techniques, including 77 participants in organic trials, 12 in agroforestry trials, and 1,020 using leguminous cover crops. Cover crops have shown promising results, despite germination challenges faced due to erratic rainfall in 2023/24. The agroforestry program, still in early stages, faces challenges, codesigning the model with groups of farmers, and with the assistance of several national and international specialists, in selecting suitable species and ensuring young trees' survival, in the first 2 years of establishment, especially considering, the lack of access to water for irrigating the young trees. Meanwhile, the organic pilot is gaining adoption interest from the local farmers. Though current protocols require more frequent biopesticide applications, resulting in crop yields approximately 30% lower than conventional methods in 2023/24. JFS-RESET views organic farming as part of an integrated system aimed at resilience and reduced reliance on synthetic inputs.

Additionally, JFS-RESET has been directly implementing agronomic and sociologic studies and trials in cooperation with the Mozambique Investigation Institute for Agriculture – IIAM. Among the various trials, JFS-RESET has focused on testing several regenerative farming practices to assess their effectiveness compared to standard farming protocols. Key areas of study include the use of biopesticides, the application of biochar, and the intercropping of cotton with nitrogen-fixing crops. While initial results and existing literature show promising potential for these methods, it is recommended to repeat these trials in upcoming seasons. This will include on-farm trials to validate findings and adapt these practices further for local farming conditions.



SOURCE: CMIA (2023) Cotton Made in Africa Annual Report 2023. Aid by Trade Foundation.
CMIA (2023) CAR-iSMa "Climate Adaptation and Resilience, initiative, focusing on improved soil management in Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique, and Zambia"

SOURCE: Regenagri (2024) "Regenagri Standard Criteria V3.3. Regenagri C.i.C"
Ministério da Terra e Ambiente (2024) Diploma Ministerial No. 26/2024: Provincial Integrated Forest Management Plan for Niassa Province, 84(1), 1-20.

4.2 / Restore Land and Soil & Enhance Biodiversity

Promoting Sustainable Agriculture through Minimal Pesticide Use and Water Efficiency.

MINIMAL PESTICIDE USE, NO HERBICIDE, AND NO FERTILIZER

Mozambique ranks among the lowest pesticide users globally, applying only 1.57 kg/ha, compared to 20 kg/ha in Brazil, the highest user. This data, sourced from the [2023 International Cotton Advisory Committee \(ICAC\)](#), highlights Mozambique's minimal pesticide usage in global agriculture. JFS-RESET plays a pivotal role in advancing this by implementing Better Cotton and Cotton made in Africa (CmiA) practices, promoting [Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\)](#) which, combines biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical methods to control pests. These strategies prioritize natural pest control methods, crop rotation, and pest-resistant varieties, while minimizing the reliance on chemical pesticides.

Also to note that **JFS-RESET does not supply herbicides, nor fertilizers**, which protects and promotes the soil's biology, while reducing carbon emissions. Soil's fertility and organic matter should be achieved by conversation practices, such as cover crops, and crop rotation, while also exploring the introduction of agro-forestry systems, where trees can gradually become a fundamental source of soil carbon.

JFS-RESET focuses on educating farmers in safe pesticide use, proper storage, and disposal, while currently exploring non-chemical alternatives, to further reduce pesticide dependency. JFS-RESET strictly adheres to the pesticide standards outlined by international certifications, ensuring compliance with environmentally safe practices.

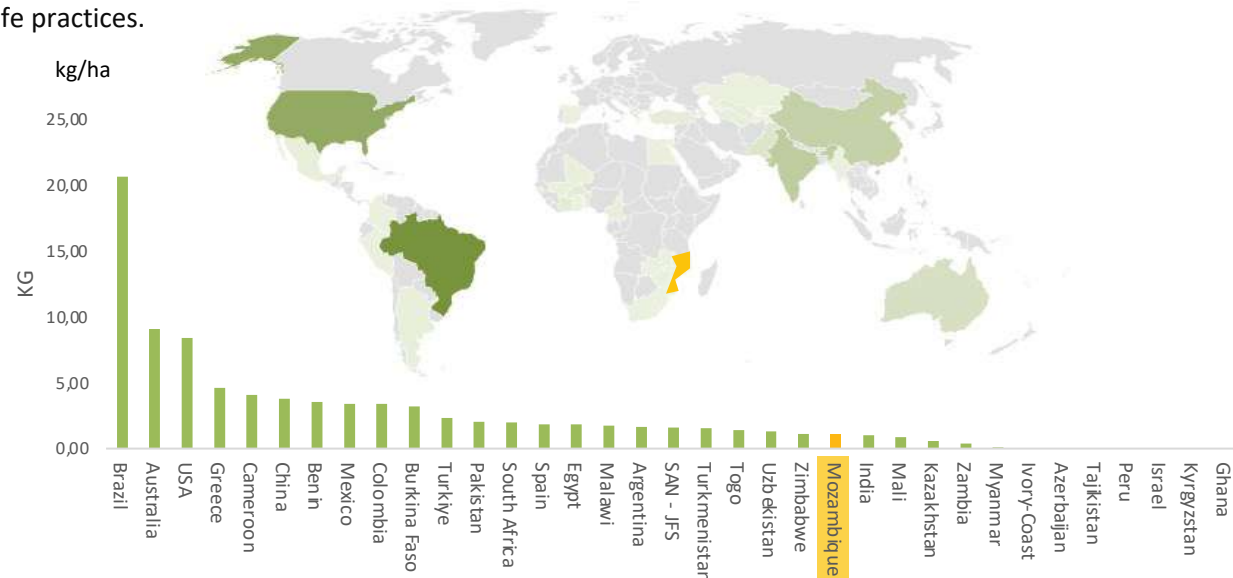


FIGURE 3 | ICAC (2024) GLOBAL PESTICIDE USE

SOURCE: IDH. (2021), [Mozambique Climate Resilience Program Annual Report 2020-2021](#)

ICAC (2024), [Global Pesticide Use](#)

ICAC (2024), [Global Water Irrigation Use](#)

100% RAIN FED AND ENHANCING WATER EFFICIENCY

All JFS-RESET's cotton is rainfed, without external irrigation, and, according to the [ICAC](#), Mozambique ranks among the lowest globally in terms of water irrigation for agriculture, with the majority of its agricultural activities relying on rain-fed systems.

Fertilization and irrigation account for most of the carbon emissions in farming, which puts JFS-RESET small-holder farmers in a great position to become carbon sequesters. Relying solely on rain water poses a very relevant risk, reinforcing the need to increase the adoption of sustainable practices that promote soil carbon and soil coverage, increasing water storage capacity, and reducing erosion effects.

Within its efforts, in collaboration with [IDH – The Sustainable Trade Initiative](#), JFS-RESET has implemented water harvesting and efficient irrigation innovations in Titimane, with a [multi-stakeholders Climate Resilience program](#). Additionally, it was piloted the construction of artificial recharge structures in Lalaua, in the same program involving local communities in both building and utilizing the water systems. These structures help replenish the water table and provide essential water for crop cultivation, washing, and other needs. Nevertheless, considering the investment cost, such interventions require long term commitment from Government entities.

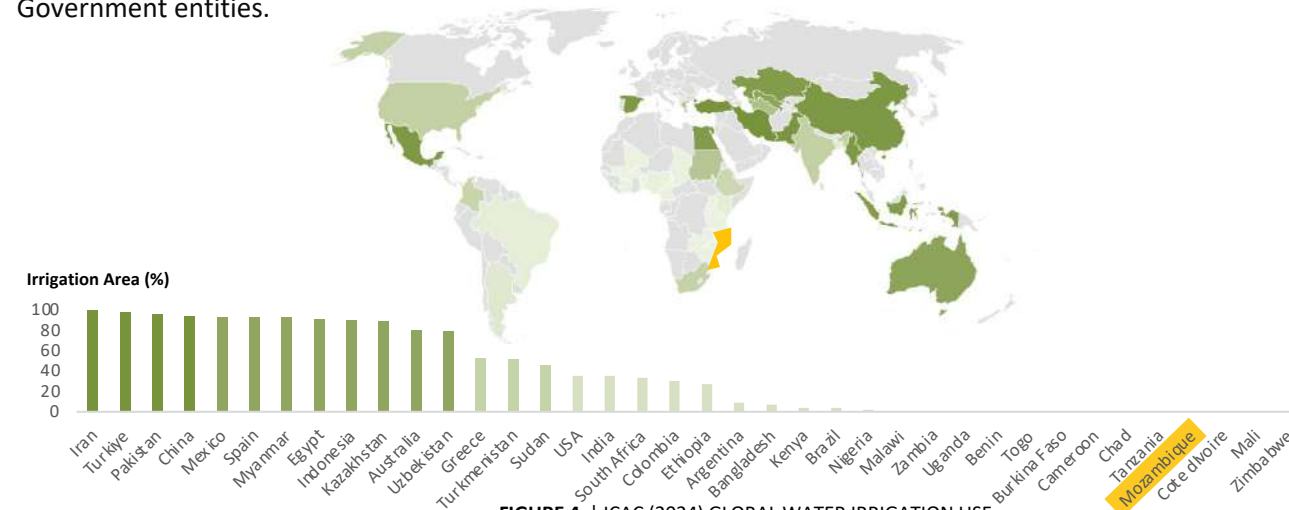
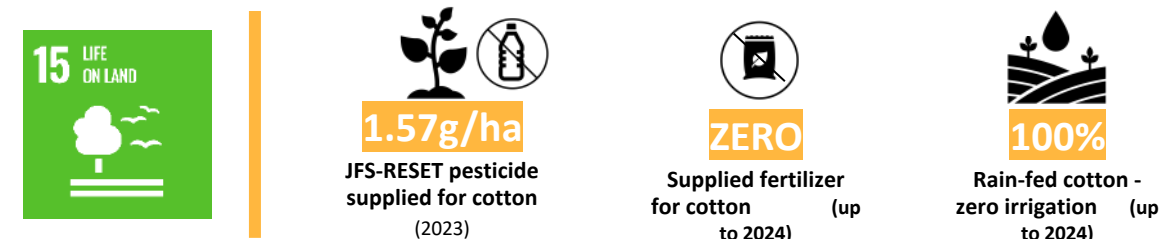


FIGURE 4 | ICAC (2024) GLOBAL WATER IRRIGATION USE



4.3 / CO2 Capture & Agroforestry

JFS-RESET aims at enhancing carbon sequestration and crop yields by gradually integrating trees into cotton farms through agroforestry, improving biodiversity and sustainability.

CO2 TRACKING AND SEQUESTRATION

In efforts to a continuous **carbon emissions reduction**, JFS-RESET has started a comprehensive measurement on the Scope 1 and 2 emissions across its entire value chain. The latest data, generated using the [ICAC Cotton Expert](#) application simulator, reveals a significant potential impact through carbon sequestration associated with cotton production. Scope 1 preliminary simulation using the same tool show that while 137 kg of CO2e emissions are produced, an impressive 2,167 kg of CO2 are sequestered, resulting in a net positive environmental outcome (net negative emissions). This can be achieved achieved on 1 hectare of land with an average cotton yield of 650 kg/ha. The balance between emissions and sequestration highlights the effectiveness of sustainable farming practices in JFS-RESET cotton cultivation system. It demonstrates how land management and carbon sequestration initiatives are crucial in reducing the overall carbon footprint. These efforts are directly aligned with global sustainability goals, positioning agroforestry as a key solution for climate change mitigation.

Regarding Scope 2 emissions from electricity use in cotton ginning, JFS-RESET [conducted a pre-feasibility assessment for rooftop solar applications](#), with support from [GET.invest](#). The study demonstrated operational feasibility but indicated a long payback period of 13 years, primarily due to the cotton gin's limited operation—about six months annually. To improve this return period, further analysis is needed, including exploring solutions like selling electricity to the national grid during the off-season, which would depend on national regulatory allowances.

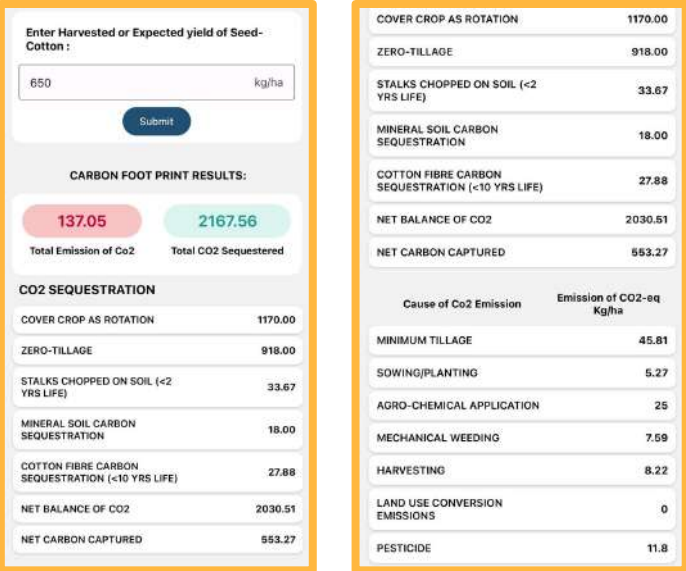
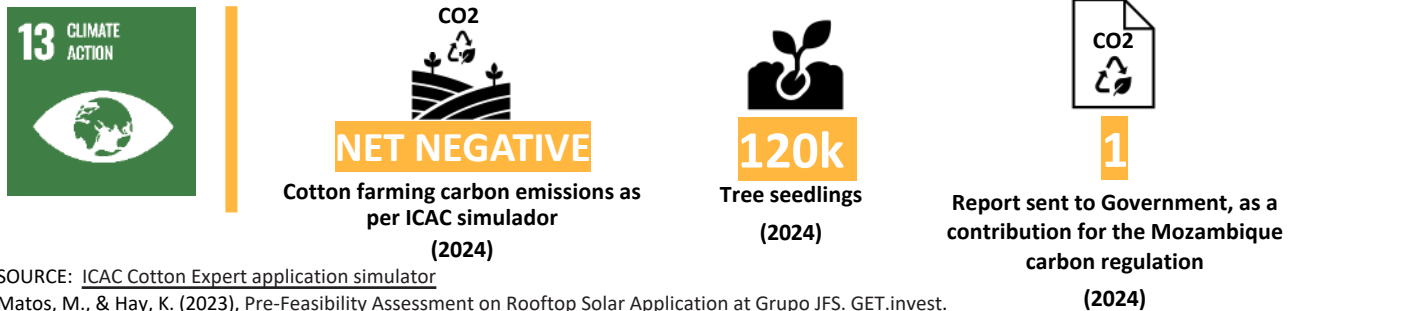


FIGURE 5 | RESET (2024) ICAC COTTON EXPERT APPLICATION SIMULATION

AGROFORESTRY ENHANCEMENT

JFS-RESET has been developing **agroforestry** protocols specifically designed for small-scale cotton farming, collaborating with both internal and external experts to tailor solutions to local needs. Among these experts is Mr. Ernst Gotsch, widely recognized as the pioneer of [syntropic farming](#), who has been actively supporting JFS-RESET's initiatives since 2021. This collaboration aims to establish regenerative and sustainable farming practices that enhance soil health, improve biodiversity, and provide long-term benefits for smallholder farmers in Mozambique. Trees are vital to the ecosystem as they play a crucial role in enhancing soil carbon, which boosts soil fertility, reduces erosion, improves water retention, and sequesters above-ground carbon—helping to mitigate climate change. Additionally, incorporating fruit, nut, and biomass trees into smallholder farming can diversify and increase farmers' incomes, improve nutrition, and provide sustainable wood sources for cooking. This integrated approach strengthens local food security and enhances the resilience of farming communities by fostering both environmental and economic sustainability.

With support from the [CAR-ISMA project](#) under CMIA, JFS-RESET has established nurseries, producing over 120,000 tree seedlings of diverse species for farmer distribution. A carbon feasibility study was also conducted for a cotton agroforestry model targeting small-scale farmers. Additionally, with the Better Cotton Agroforestry Project, an ongoing technical feasibility analysis for large-scale implementation is underway. JFS-RESET's experience suggests beginning with border trees and gradually progressing to alley cropping, considering the operational and social limitations. However, intensive agroforestry requires pruning, a significant cultural shift. Water availability poses the main challenge, crucial for high survival rates during the young trees' first two years. The carbon market has been a point of great interest in Mozambique, and JFS-RESET has been actively participating in several forums and discussion groups, particularly on what is related to regulation and agroforestry. The Government of Mozambique is currently working on new regulation, and [RESET has presented its contributions](#), which was shared between all interested stake-holders.



SOURCE: [ICAC Cotton Expert application simulator](#)
Matos, M., & Hay, K. (2023), [Pre-Feasibility Assessment on Rooftop Solar Application at Grupo JFS. GET.invest.](#)
World Economic Forum (2023). [Winning in Green Markets: Scaling Products for a Net Zero World.](#)
JFS RESET (2024), [Notes on Carbon Regulation.](#)

4.4 / Sustainable Production

Empowering Sustainability and Economic Growth through Waste Management in Rural Mozambique

WASTE MANAGEMENT IN RURAL AND HOUSEHOLD

Waste management in rural and household contexts across Africa presents significant challenges, and Mozambique is no exception. In rural areas, the lack of infrastructure for proper waste collection, disposal, and recycling leads to environmental degradation and health risks. Key issues include agricultural waste, where pesticide containers and batteries play an important role. These practices harm the environment, impact public health, and obstruct sustainable development. Addressing waste management in Mozambique is critical to improving living conditions and promoting environmental sustainability in rural communities.

JFS-RESET's waste management strategy reflects its strong commitment to environmental conservation. By emphasizing waste reduction, recycling, and safe disposal, the organization ensures responsible handling of key waste types, fostering a culture of sustainability both within the organization and the communities it serves. A major focus of this strategy is the safe disposal of pesticide containers and batteries used in ultra-low volume (ULVA) crop sprayers. By educating farmers and implementing container management systems, JFS-RESET mitigates the risks of environmental contamination and poisoning, aligning with its broader sustainability goals.

Central to this effort is the engagement of 748 Eco-Warriors, all women, who have collected 49,187 pesticide bottles and 1,798 used batteries. Acting as key agents of both environmental sustainability and local economic development, these Eco-Warriors, operating across 700 different communities, significantly extend JFS-RESET's reach (100% Cotton Communities coverage). This wide market coverage enables more communities to benefit from sustainable waste management practices. Their efforts not only promote environmental responsibility but also stimulate local economies by facilitating the trade of recycled materials and JFS-RESET products. This dual role enhances sustainability while fostering financial independence for both the Eco-Warriors and their communities.

The Eco-Warriors are served with proper PPE and recycling bins for chemical bottles and batteries, enabling safe and efficient waste segregation, and strengthening community-level recycling initiatives.



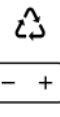
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Eco-Warriors Cotton
Communities coverage
(2023)

4.5 / Access to Energy & Water

JFS-RESET Empowers Communities with Sustainable Energy Solutions, addressing high Environmental Impact.

ACCESS TO ENERGY IN MOZAMBIQUE MAIN PROBLEMS

Access to energy in Mozambique is marked by significant challenges, rural electrification is hampered by a lack of basic infrastructure, institutional barriers, and low ability to pay for energy services where reliance on firewood and batteries is prevalent. Limited infrastructure for sustainable energy solutions further exacerbates these issues, leaving households dependent on inefficient and environmentally harmful practices. The task of collecting firewood largely falls to women, who account for 92% of this labour, spending an average of 50 minutes on this task, which varies significantly. This not only underscores the gender disparities in energy-related chores but also the extensive time commitment required. A growing concern in rural areas is the widespread use of batteries, which, though essential for powering lighting, radios, mobile phones and other basic needs, are often expensive and lack proper disposal methods. This reliance on disposable batteries creates both economic strain for households and significant environmental risks due to improper disposal and contamination. The cell phone usage and network coverage is increasing rapidly, including in the areas not served by energy grid. Becoming a fundamental livelihood tool, solar energy is becoming the only solution to recharge cell phones.

JOÃO ENERGIA

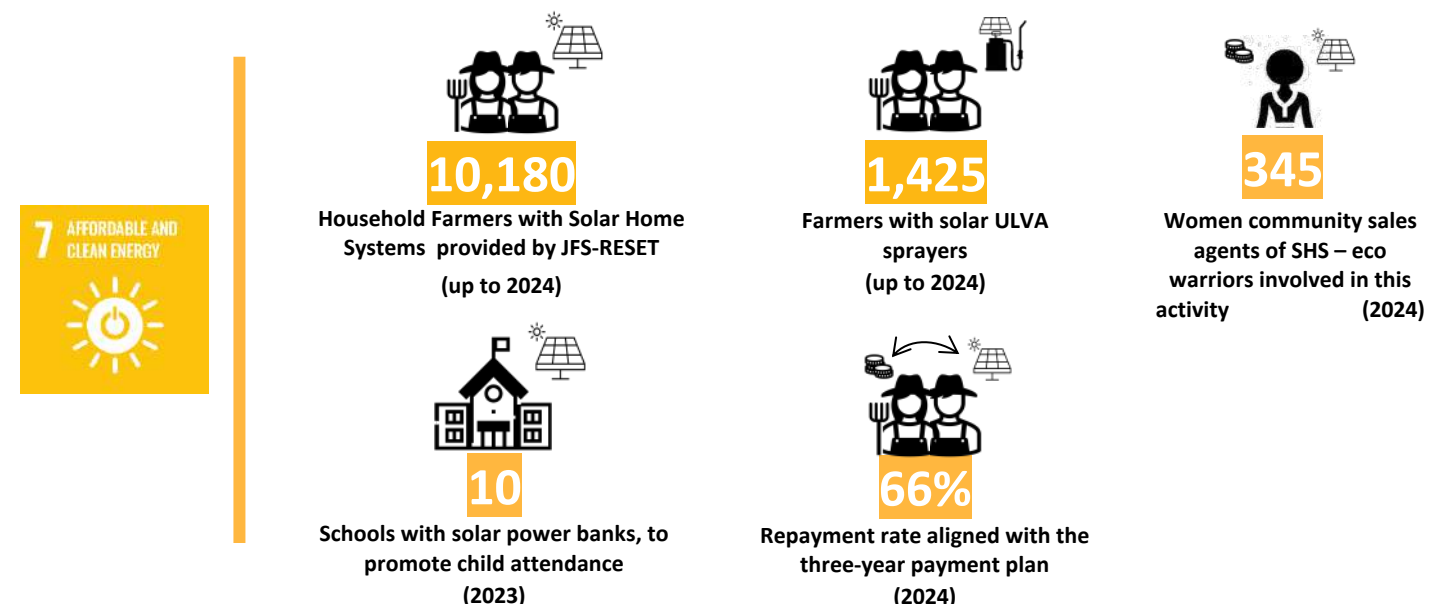
Since 2015, JFS-RESET has been exploring **community-scale energy solutions**. It began with a conceptual pilot in collaboration with UNEP, FUNAI, and EDP, The Titimane Project, aimed at developing a mini-grid project based on solar and biomass energy, utilizing cotton crop residues as biomass. Although the project was not implemented due to administrative challenges, it played a pivotal role in shaping the legal framework that was eventually put into practice.

A 2017 market study in Titimane revealed that households showed varied willingness and ability to pay for energy, with most preferring to begin with small-scale solutions to assess costs. Based on this assumption, JFS-RESET launched the **JOÃO ENERGIA** pilot project in 2018, providing solar home systems (SHS) to underserved communities, through an interest-free loan model with high favourable terms. These affordable SHS units enable lighting, phone charging, and evening study, supported by a dedicated team for sales and technical assistance. Additionally, "Eco-Warriors," local women serving as community sales agents, earn supplemental income through their involvement, furthering community development and sustainability through waste management practices.

SOURCE: Uamusse, M., Tussupova, K., Persson, K., & Berndtsson, R. (2019), Mini-Grid Hydropower for Rural Electrification in Mozambique: Meeting Local Needs with Supply in a Nexus Approach. Water Green Light Development. (2023), Farmer Survey Report: Assessing the Impact of Solar Energy on Rural Farming

JFS-RESET has launched a loyalty program providing cotton farmers with subsidized solar home systems (SHS) at approximately 50% of the retail price. The initiative includes a flexible three-year payment plan linked to farmers' cotton earnings, achieving a 66% repayment rate over the payment period. This initiative, supported by private financing, including GIZ's FASER Program, has been a notable success, even in challenging market conditions. Within the SHS range, JFS-RESET also offers a battery stick designed to replace disposable batteries used in ULVA crop sprayers, adding value through productive energy applications.

By 2023, 71% of households in RESET's operational areas have energy access, with 34% using solar power and 37% connected to the grid. Through the JOÃO ENERGIA initiative, 23% of farmers have gained solar access, totalling 11,605 units sold (combining solar home systems and battery sticks). Additionally, the Cotton for a Better Future project, co-supported by ABTF, introduced solar-powered charging stations in 10 schools, benefiting over 3,144 students. Each school received a solar unit and 50 power banks for students to charge at school and take home, supporting family phone charging and reading, while encouraging school attendance. RESET is also exploring options to provide efficient cook stoves, addressing local energy needs and further promoting sustainable development among its supported farmers.



SOURCE: GIZ's FASER Program Aid by Trade Foundation. (2024), Cotton for a Better Future - Final Report.



4.5 / Access to Energy & Water

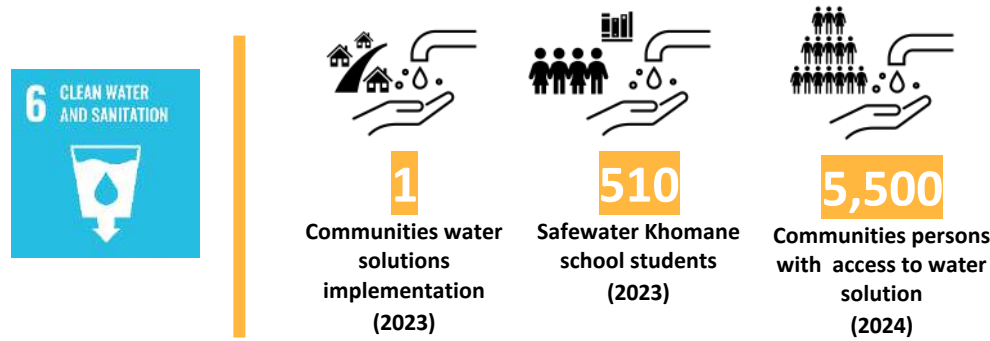
Communities Access to Water integrated Pilot Projects.

ACCESS TO WATER COMMUNITY PILOT PROJECTS

Access to water in Mozambique, particularly in JFS-RESET's primary rural communities, remains a fundamental need, highlighting significant gender disparities in household resource management. Women are overwhelmingly responsible for water collection, making up 88% of this labour, followed by daughters at 6%. Men and boys contribute minimally, with only 3% and 1% participation, respectively, leaving the remaining 3% to other household members. This imbalance emphasizes the gendered burden of water collection, a task that consumes a considerable amount of time and energy for women and girls, affecting their opportunities for education and economic participation. Also, access to water in Mozambique struggles with sustainability issues, affecting water access and access to water sources due to weak understanding of roles, conflicts, transparency, accountability, and lack of accountability.

In addition to the collection burden, there is a critical gap in water treatment practices. Alarming, 93% of households do not employ any method of water purification, leaving them vulnerable to waterborne diseases. Only a small portion of households take preventive steps, with 5% boiling their water and 1% each utilizing solar disinfection or water filters. This lack of access to safe water treatment methods underscores the urgent need for sustainable water solutions to improve both public health and gender equity in Mozambique.

In response to these challenges, in 2023, RESET launched the Cotton for Safe Water counting with support of Aid by Trade Foundation to provide **safe water access to three local cotton-growing communities**. This initiative as started in 2022 with the pilot project. The Access to safe Water was provided to the Khomane community within the rehabilitation of the local School and has then been scaled to 4 new communities in Cuamba (Mepuata, Maucotxaia, Nacussupa, Horonwana) and 1 in Metarica District (Niputa). The “Cotton for Safe Water” project focuses on securing reliable water sources to communities that used to walk, on average, 5 to 10 km to get access to water. The project benefit at least 5,500 people in those five communities and is expected to improve community nutrition and health outcomes.



SOURCE: Nhaurire, A., Wells-Brown, T., & Capurchande, R. (2023), Water committees in the implementation of decentralization measures in the water sector in Gaza Province, Mozambique: ownership and resistance.
Sociedade Algodoeira do Niassa – João Ferreira dos Santos, SA. (2024). Cotton for Safe Water - Project Proposal. CmiA Community Cooperation Programme.

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RESET is dedicated to fostering sustainable development and economic empowerment by addressing critical needs in agricultural productivity, poverty eradication, and gender equity.

2

ZERO HUNGER

ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY INPUTS

ACCESS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, & MARKETS

RESET is committed to enhancing **access to high-quality agricultural inputs**, ensuring farmers have the resources they need to improve productivity. By also facilitating **access to markets, fair pricing, and increased incomes**, RESET empowers local farmers to maximize their agricultural potential, contributing to greater economic stability and sustainability within their communities.

1

NO POVERTY

ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, FINANTIAL SERVICES & OTHER RESOURCES

RESET is focused on **eradicating extreme poverty** by expanding **access to technology, financial services, and other essential resources**. By equipping communities with the tools and support they need, RESET fosters economic empowerment and sustainable development, ensuring marginalized populations can break the cycle of poverty and build a more prosperous future.

5

GENDER EQUALITY

PROMOTE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION, LEADERSHIP & DECISION-MAKING

RESET is dedicated to **promoting women's participation, leadership, and decision-making** at all levels. By empowering women to take active roles in their communities and industries, RESET fosters gender equity, enhances community resilience, and drives sustainable development, ensuring that women's voices are central in shaping the future.

4

QUALITY EDUCATION

EMPOWERMENT, ACCESS TO TRAINING & TOOLS

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

RESET is committed to **empowering individuals through access to training, tools, and education**, providing communities with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive. By ensuring access to quality education and continuous learning opportunities, RESET fosters personal growth, improves livelihoods, and promotes long-term sustainable development.



5.2 / Access to Agricultural Productivity & Markets

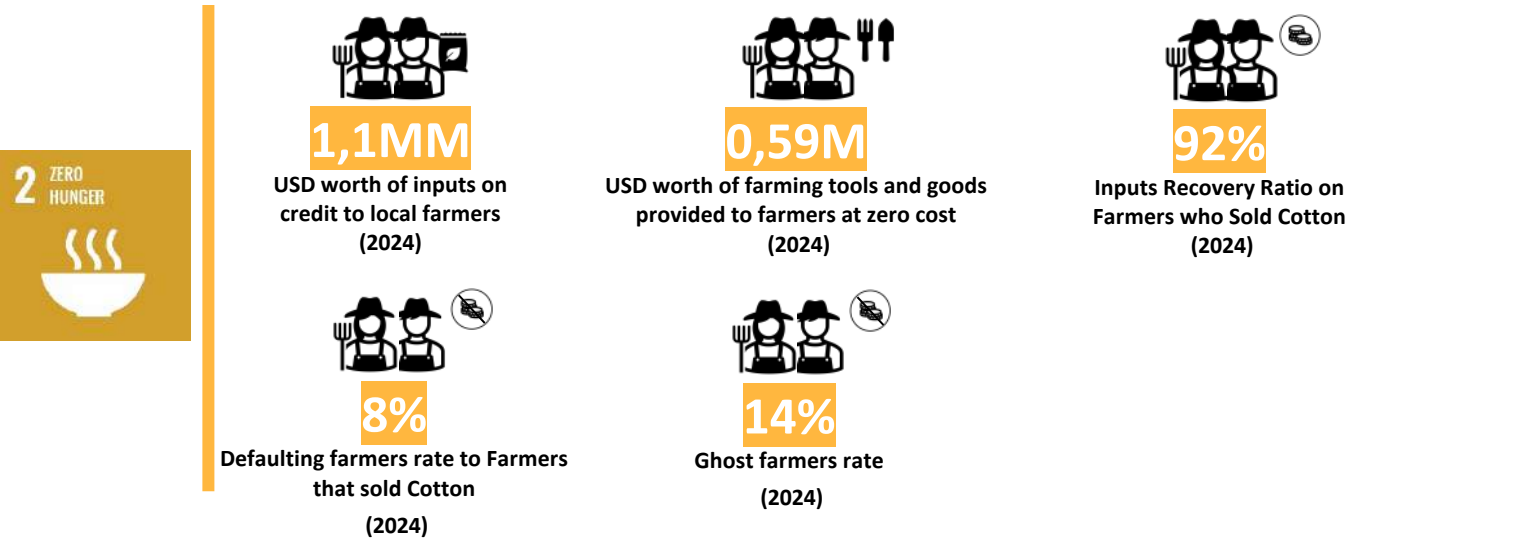
Empowering Farmers with Sustainable, High-Quality Inputs for Resilient Growth.

ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY INPUTS

JFS-RESET's commitment to sustainable agriculture is demonstrated through its strategy of providing farmers with **high-quality inputs**, strictly adhering to standards for products like non-GMO seeds and approved pesticides. By ensuring that the products respect industry standards, RESET guarantees not only the enhancement of crop yield but also the protection of environmentally friendly farming practices. Moreover, RESET's inputs are provided through a structured support system, including training on proper usage and access to credit, ensuring that farmers can effectively integrate them into their operations.

JFS-RESET employs a **community-focused distribution model**, providing approximately \$1.1 million in annual inputs on credit, which farmers repay through their cotton sales. While most farmers meet their obligations, some challenges remain. The Analysis of Baseline Survey Data, implemented by AgDevCo concluded that ghost farmers—non-existent or falsely registered recipients—account for 14%, while defaulting and non-repaying farmers, who either fail to sell or produce sufficient yields to repay, represent 8%. These rates highlight JFS-RESET's strong commitment to ensuring resources reach genuine farmers and are used effectively, with an 92% inputs recovery ratio on farmers who sold Cotton. All transactions are logged in the company's system via mobile devices, ensuring transparency and issuing receipts to farmers. Through rigorous record-keeping and a sustainable lending model, RESET fosters trust and economic resilience within local farming communities.

Beyond credit-based inputs, JFS-RESET also provides essential farming goods and tools at no cost, such as ultra-low volume (ULVA) sprayers, jute bags, and locally designed small hoes to help farmers implement proper planting spacing for optimal crop populations. ULVA sprayers are shared among farmer groups and returned each season for maintenance, reinforcing sustainable practices. This holistic approach strengthens economic stability, encourages responsible farming, and promotes long-term agricultural growth in Mozambique.



SOURCE: AgDevCo, Fuller, R. (2019), Analysis of Baseline Survey Data
United Nations - OCHA. (2022), Mozambique Humanitarian Response Plan 2022

5.2 / Access to Agricultural Productivity & Markets



Building Resilience Through Diversified Agriculture - JFS-RESET's Commitment to Food Security in Mozambique.

ACCESS TO FOOD SECURITY & DIVERSE RANGE OF CULTURES

JFS-RESET acknowledges the essential role of **food security** in supporting Mozambique's rural communities, especially within cotton-growing regions. In JFS-RESET supported communities, cotton is cultivated within diversified systems where food crops are prioritized by the farmers. Consequently, the training, inputs, and tools provided by JFS-RESET benefit food crop yields alongside cotton production. The research [Strengthening Mozambican Capacity for Agricultural Productivity Growth](#) has shown that farmers involved in structured outgrowing systems, such as JFS-RESET's model, experience better agricultural performance across all crops.

In collaboration with the FNDS - Mozambican National Fund for Sustainable Development, JFS-RESET co-designed and implemented the [ALGODÃO SUSTENTA](#) program, which provided maize, beans and soy inputs to 1,000 farmers in 2020 and 2021, integrating smallholders into value chains and promoting sustainable practices. Currently, JFS-RESET, in coordination with local authorities, [SDAE - District Economic Activities Service](#) in Mozambique, and supported by the [WFP - World Food Programme](#), is scaling up food security initiatives – in particular, in 2024/25, 15,000 cotton farmers in two major districts of Niassa will receive improved maize and bean seeds along with targeted training to bolster food production and security. The innovative intervention will also enable to gradually progress to a market driven approach, where possible exceeds of food crops can reach a safe market at fair prices. Another intervention worth of mention is the cooperation with [TechnoServe](#), to improve the soy value-chain, by integrating soy in the cultivation system with a relevant number of small farmers, while also improving the JFS-RESET processing capacity, enabling better quality soy products.

By diversifying crop production, JFS-RESET enables farmers to strengthen their resilience against economic and environmental shocks. Cotton serves as a foundational crop that opens doors to cultivating other crops. This diversification not only helps combat hunger but also ensures a stable food supply for local families, reducing their dependence on a single crop for survival, while also supporting the cotton production. This RESET comprehensive approach not only enhances economic sustainability but also fosters a stronger, more food-secure farming community in Mozambique.

AGRICULTURE FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD SERVICES

Since 2017, JFS-RESET has significantly expanded its agricultural footprint, by initiating the provision of **food-security and livelihood services to 3rd parties**, supporting rural communities across the northern Mozambique. From 2017 to 2022, the organization has worked with over 4,000 farmers in districts impacted by the Nacala railway, focusing on both food security and income-generating crops. Services provided include crop selection, producer identification and registration, input distribution, technical training, and facilitating market access. Since 2022 and until now, JFS-RESET extended its reach to 3,000 farmers in northern Cabo Delgado, providing emergency assistance, inputs, and tools for food crop production in humanitarian contexts.



Agriculture Food Security Specific Programs (since 2017)



Farmers with direct support to food security and crop diversification JFS-RESET programs (since 2024)



Farmers that have been part of food security services provided by JFS-RESET, contracted by a 3rd party (since 2017)

5.2 / Access to Agricultural Productivity & Markets



Community João Agricultor stores, with access to free transport, and sustainable market access through community franchising network.

ACCESS TO PRODUCTIVITY & MARKETS

JFS-RESET's multifaceted strategy not only enhances market access but also creates a robust infrastructure to uplift the **agricultural community productivity**. The JOÃO AGRICULTOR distribution and retail network, fully developed and implemented by RESET, plays a central role in this, designed to become the backbone of the rural business ecosystem. This network leverages synergies from cotton production, by introducing a franchise model in partnership with community local shop owners, empowering communities through ownership while JFS-RESET manages the broader distribution and financing aspects.

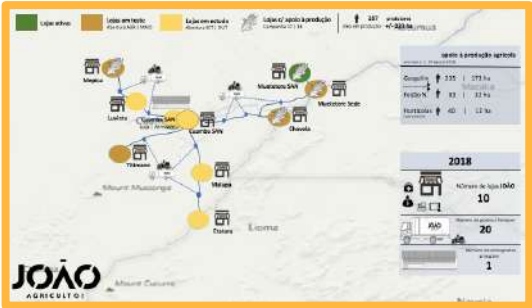


FIGURE 6 | JFS RESET JOÃO AGRICULTOR APP



FIGURE 7 | JOÃO AGRICULTOR STORE

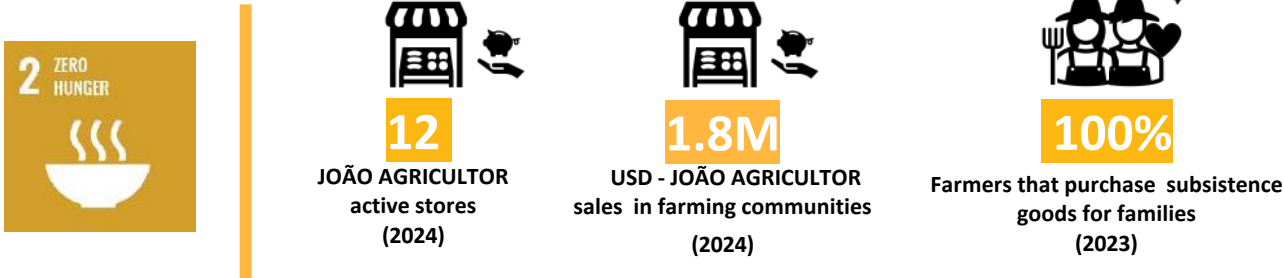


FIGURE 8 | JOÃO AGRICULTOR RURAL STORE

A key element of this transformation is the shift from a centralized store model to a community-participatory shop network, run by local entrepreneurs. These franchised stores are backed by JFS-RESET's distribution centre in Cuamba, providing the network an online ordering service, door-to-door transport of goods and financial services. This structure not only facilitates easier access to essential resources for farmers but also provides a marketplace for agricultural products. Currently, the **JOÃO AGRICULTOR** network includes 12 active shops, with the long-term ambitious plan to expand presence to each of the ~700 supported communities.

The network also integrates community sales agents, such like the Eco-warriors, and also implements an impact and loyalty program, where livelihood goods are delivered at the door of the farmer's house, free of any transport charge, making use of the empty trucks that reach the fields for transporting the seed-cotton. This specific program has reached total sales of \$30,000 (USD) in 2024, to the local farmers, further boosting community economic resilience within the pilot project store shops.

Farmers' spending patterns post-sale reveal a holistic approach to economic empowerment, with funds primarily allocated toward family subsistence and cultural needs, including Capulanas (54%), monthly necessities (41%), and education (26%), among others. This approach not only strengthens agricultural productivity but also supports long-term community growth through diversified economic activities and local empowerment.



SOURCE: AgDevCo, Fuller, R. (2019), Analysis of Baseline Survey Data

5.3 / Eradicating Extreme Poverty

Mozambique among the World's Lowest in Human Development and Higher Multidimensional Poverty.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

Mozambique ranks 7th among countries with the lowest Human Development Index (0,446 HDI) and is also 7th among those with the highest levels of multidimensional poverty (0,372 MPI). Approximately 61.9% of the population lives in multidimensional poverty, particularly in rural areas. Despite recent economic growth, Mozambique faces persistent challenges in providing access to healthcare, quality education, and basic living standards. Multidimensional poverty is most severe in rural provinces, where limited access to clean water, electricity, and adequate schooling exacerbates poverty levels.

RESET uses the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to understand the impact of the activities with the local communities. MPI is a comprehensive measure used to assess poverty beyond income, capturing various deprivations that individuals experience in health, education, and living standards. Developed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI):

- Health Dimension, which examines nutrition deprivation and child mortality;
- Education Dimension, focusing on years of schooling and school attendance
- Living Standards Dimension, which evaluates access to cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, and essential assets.

Globally, the MPI highlights significant disparities in poverty levels, with the highest concentrations of multidimensional poverty found in low-income regions, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. In Africa, countries such as Niger, Chad, and South Sudan have some of the highest MPI levels, where large portions of the population face deprivations in multiple dimensions, such as education and access to basic services.

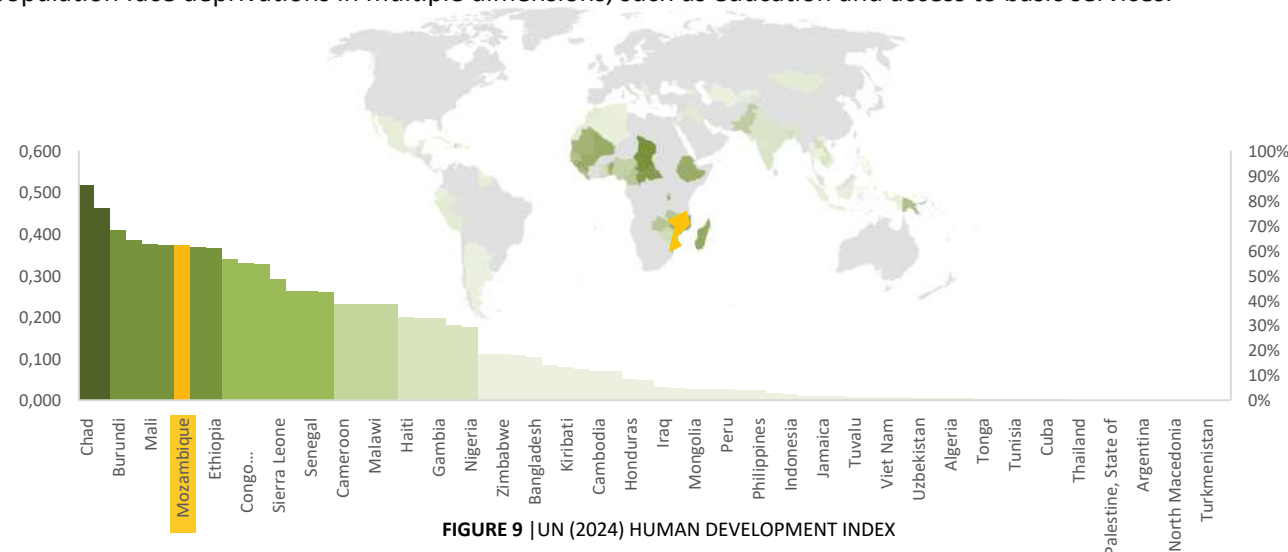


FIGURE 9 | UN (2024) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

SOURCE: UNDP & OPHI. (2023), Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023: Unstacking Global Poverty
McKinsey Global Institute. (2023), From Poverty to Empowerment: Raising the Bar for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.

EMPOWERMENT LINE

The Extreme Poverty Line, the most representative in Mozambique, is defined by living on less than \$1.90 per day and highlights the strain to meet basic needs like food, healthcare and housing. Challenges include limited access to basic services, vulnerability to economic and environmental shocks, and low educational attainment. The Empowerment Line is a socio-economic benchmark that extends beyond the traditional concept of a living wage. This metric takes into account the cost of basic household expenses and taxes, providing a more holistic view of what is required for a person to live with dignity and agency.

In essence, the Empowerment Line is about enabling individuals, whether in high or low-income countries, to move beyond mere subsistence (sufficiency). It marks the point at which people can start to build a better future for themselves and their families, encompassing not just financial stability but also the opportunity for self-improvement and greater life choices. The Empowerment Line represents a critical threshold where individuals are able to meet their essential needs and start to attain a level of security. To reach the Empowerment Line, support must focus on meeting basic needs and fostering opportunities for growth, stability, and choice. This involves investing in education, entrepreneurship, and essential services to enable individuals to lead dignified, secure lives.

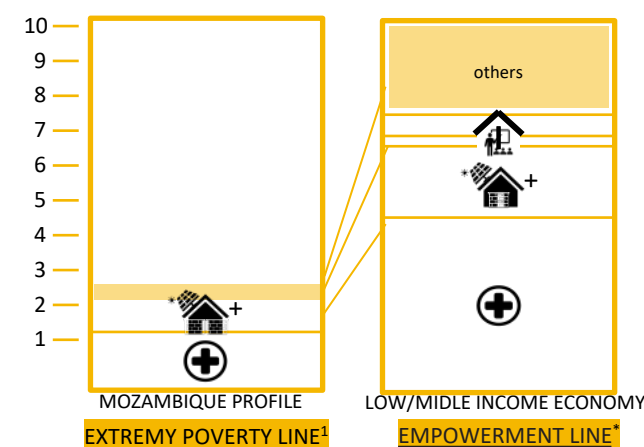


FIGURE 10 | EXTREME AND EMPOWERMENT LINE

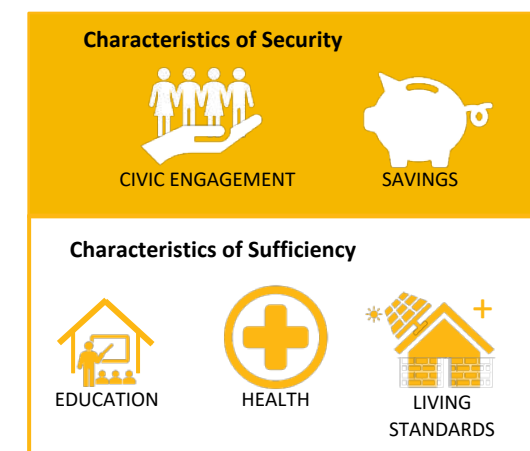


FIGURE 11 | CHARACTERISTICS OF SUFFICIENCY AND SECURITY

* The extreme poverty spending distribution is based on India's first decile of household expenditure in the 2011–12 National Sample Survey of Household Consumer Expenditure. The empowerment distribution is based on spending required to meet basic needs, derived from WageIndicator Foundation data for India. The empowerment line of \$12 in 2017 PPP terms is our global floor. It is informed by academic literature, including Kharas (2010) and Bhalla (2007), establishing the global middle-class threshold as \$10 in 2005 PPP (since raised to \$12 in 2017 PPP).

5.3 / Eradicating Extreme Poverty

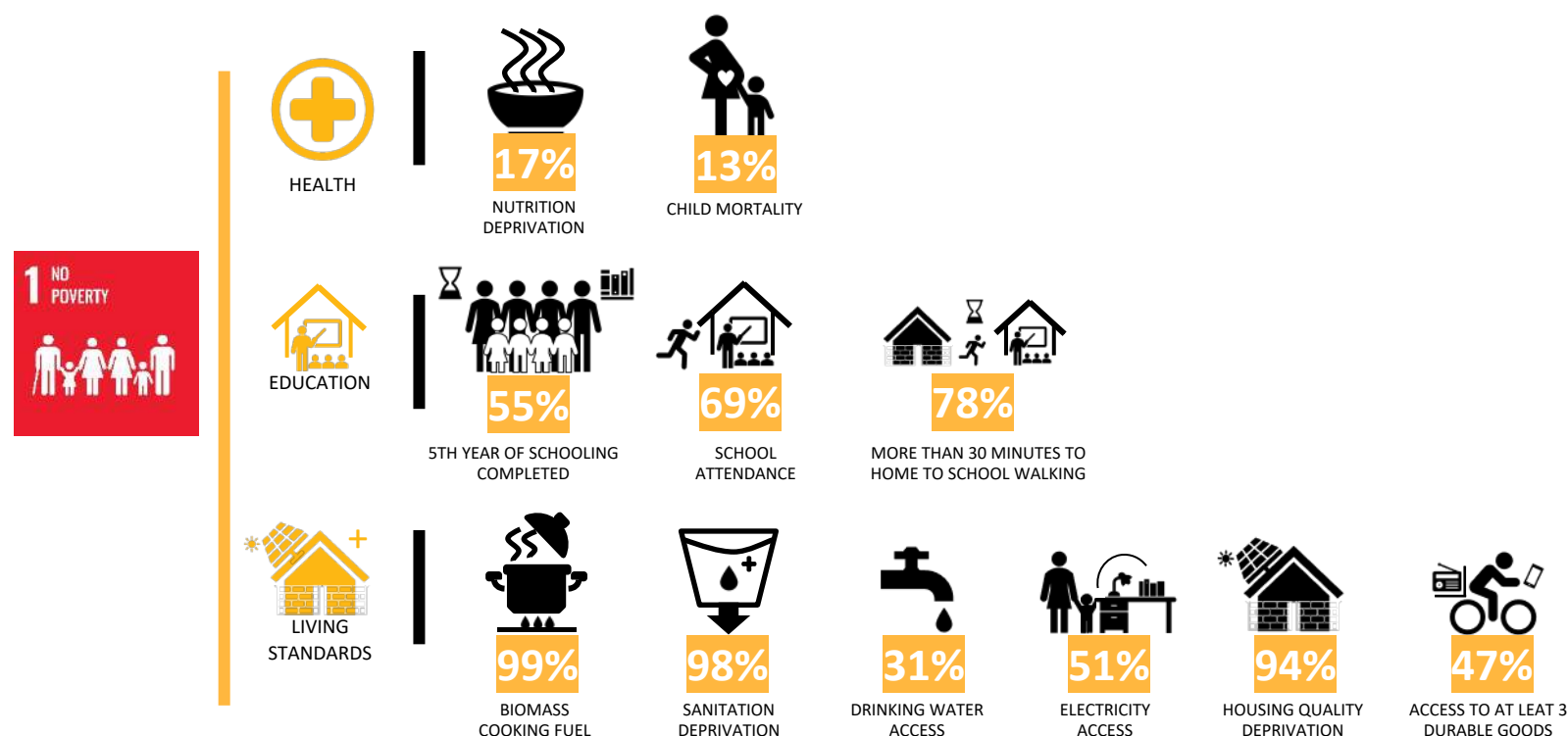
RESET's Data-Driven Approach to Reducing Poverty and Enhancing Rural Development in Mozambique.

ERADICATING EXTREME POVERTY

Since 2019, RESET has been implementing independent assessment studies to evaluate the impact of its initiatives and to fine-tune strategies aimed at fostering local agriculture development and foster extreme poverty eradicating. These studies provided key insights into multidimensional poverty in Mozambique, facilitating the design of targeted agricultural interventions and community development initiatives. The surveys and adoption studies, conducted between 2019 and 2024, focused primarily on rural farmers along the Nacala railway and in other cotton-growing regions, such as Niassa Province.

The initial assessment in 2019, conducted with 1,220 correspondents, within an innovation program supported by AgDevCo, aimed to understand farmer needs and practices, including their access to agricultural inputs and participation in sustainable programs. In 2022 assessment, an independent monitoring company was contracted to carry out a survey involving 486 interviews to gauge the adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and farmers' understanding of sustainable cotton production. In the 2024 assessment, RESET conducted a follow-up study with 277 respondents, in Cuamba district, across 3 different locations: Cuamba (n=181), Metarica (55) and Lalaua (41), through independent consultants, aiming to identify precise interventions for crop production, technical assistance, and market access. From these assessments, RESET Foundation, in partnership with UEM Economy Department and UNU-WIDER, implemented a MPI study identifying the major poverty indicators (89,5% - Incidence of Poverty, 52,7% Intensity of Poverty and 0.47 - Multidimensional Poverty Index), that enable RESET to evaluate main agricultural practices and measure the effectiveness of its efforts to **reduce extreme poverty**. The findings were instrumental in understanding the socio-economic challenges faced by smallholder farmers, highlighting barriers to agricultural productivity such as limited access to resources, training, and market integration.

The levels of **deprivation across various MPI indicators from 2019 to 2024**, with notable improvements in Nutrition and Electricity access, but persistent and high deprivation in Cooking Fuel, Sanitation and Housing. The significant rise in School Attendance in 2024 highlights potential challenges in educational access. Overall, while some progress has been made, essential areas like living standards remain critical issues, necessitating focused interventions to ensure sustained improvement in quality of life and reduction of multidimensional poverty.



SOURCE: AgDevCo, Fuller, R. (2019), Analysis of Baseline Survey Data
Green Light Development. (2023), Farmer Survey Report: Assessing the Impact of Solar Energy on Rural Farming
KAPAZ, IAAM (2024) - JFS-RESET Cuamba Protocol - Adoption Study

5.3 / Eradicating Extreme Poverty

Ensuring Fair Prices and Sustainable Support for Mozambique's Cotton Farmers as Pathway to Poverty Eradication.

FAIR PRICES AND PRICE MECHANISM

Eradicating extreme poverty is closely tied to ensuring **fair prices** that cover sustainable production costs. Guaranteeing adequate compensation for farmers' crops, such as cotton, is essential to maintaining their economic stability. Mozambique's cotton price is regulated, with the government setting a minimum price to protect farmers' interests and guarantee fair compensation.

Under Mozambique's cotton regulations, the government has entrusted private companies, through concession contracts, to support small farmers in accessing inputs and producing cotton. These concession contracts establish a direct and long-term relationship between companies and farmers, eliminating the need for intermediaries. Each concessionaire is responsible for a specific area, providing inputs, training, and support to all farmers interested in cultivating cotton, while also guaranteeing the purchase of the entire seed-cotton at government-set minimum prices. These minimum prices are determined through a public and transparent negotiation process between the FONPA - National Cotton Producers Forum and the companies Cotton Association of Mozambique. Notably, the concession system applies only to small farmers who require support to produce cotton (categorized as Class 1 farmers). Autonomous farmers, who produce independently, are free to grow and sell cotton anywhere in the country (irrespective if the places have an appointed concessionaire for class 1 farmers or not) and are even entitled to contract toll-ginning services from any gin based on rates set by the government.

The minimum **price mechanism** for seed cotton is based on a validated formula, reviewed by internationally recognized entities, with the latest update supported by GIZ in 2015. According to this formula, farmers receive approximately 60% of the lint FOB export value from Mozambican ports, converted into local currency and paid in cash at the farm gate, after deducting the cost of inputs and pesticides provided on credit by the concessionaire. The price is set in April-May, aligned with international cotton prices.

With the remaining 40% of the FOB cotton value, JFS-RESET and other cotton companies cover all business expenses, including input distribution, risk of input repayment defaults, continuous extension and technical training, seed-cotton logistics, ginning, export logistics, certifications, and overhead. Operating in a competitive market with challenging local conditions, efficiency is crucial to maintaining economic sustainability.

In 2024, despite a reduction in the seed-cotton minimum price from 33 MZM/kg in 2023 to 30 MZM/kg, farmers' average gross income increased by approximately 30%. This rise in income was primarily due to a significant crop yield recovery of nearly 40% compared to the previous year. However, yields remain below the expected average, largely due to unusual climatic conditions. The rainy season in 2023/24 was exceptionally short, impacting not only cotton but also other crops, underscoring the challenges that climate variability poses to agricultural productivity.



5.1MM

USD farmer revenues
from Cotton
(2023-2024)



29%

Average farmer gross
income increase from in
2024 in comparison to
2023

5.3 / Eradicating Extreme Poverty

JFS-RESET is transforming Mozambique's agriculture by boosting farmer access to financial services, tools and resources.

ACCESS TO FINANTIAL SERVICES & OTHER RESOURCES

RESET's strategy for improving access to technology, **financial services**, and essential resources is deeply rooted in fostering sustainable agricultural development and strengthening community resilience. Recognizing the critical role of agriculture in rural livelihoods, RESET focuses on equipping farmers with modern farming tools, equipment, and targeted training on advanced agricultural techniques. This holistic approach not only enhances productivity and income generation but also integrates environmentally sustainable practices, ensuring long-term agricultural viability.

Regarding financial services, JFS-RESET developed a study in 2020 that concluded that small producers in rural areas face significant barriers to financial inclusion due to the absence of financial institutions in their communities, misaligned financial products that do not meet their needs, and low levels of financial literacy. These challenges are compounded by the high costs associated with delivering financial services through traditional banking models, leaving many without access to the resources necessary for economic growth and stability. This collaboration with FSD Moçambique and other key stakeholders enabled the assess farmers' specific needs and develop financial services tailored solutions. As a result of these efforts, JFS-RESET has created training manuals and integrated financial literacy into its main farmer training program. The organization has also piloted e-wallet solutions, enabling electronic payments and safer savings options for farmers—a primary need identified during initial assessments. However, progress has been constrained by the underdeveloped mobile banking agent network, which has slowed expansion.

In 2024, JFS-RESET initiated discussions with VODAFONE Mozambique to establish a strategic partnership aimed at developing new financial solutions that address both current needs and operational limitations. Access to financial services in Mozambique is crucial for driving agricultural productivity, empowering farmers to invest in resources that enhance and sustain yields. Beyond credit, fostering a culture of savings plays a vital role in supporting long-term agricultural growth and resilience.



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Financial services tailored solutions Manual (2020)



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Strategic partnership for developing the access to financial services area (2024)



5.4 / Promote Women’s Participation & Leadership

RESET is dedicated to shaping a brighter, more sustainable future, emphasizing diversity and inclusion.

INCLUSION & WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION

At the core of JFS-RESET’s approach is a profound emphasis on understanding community dynamics and individual needs, supported by sociological and anthropological insights to craft tailored development solutions. This understanding ensures JFS-RESET effectively addresses diverse needs while working collaboratively with the community and local entities. Women play a crucial, catalyst role in this strategy, with 26 women workers (of a total of 104 fixed employees) and 11,097 farmers involved being women, highlighting the organization’s focus on female empowerment.

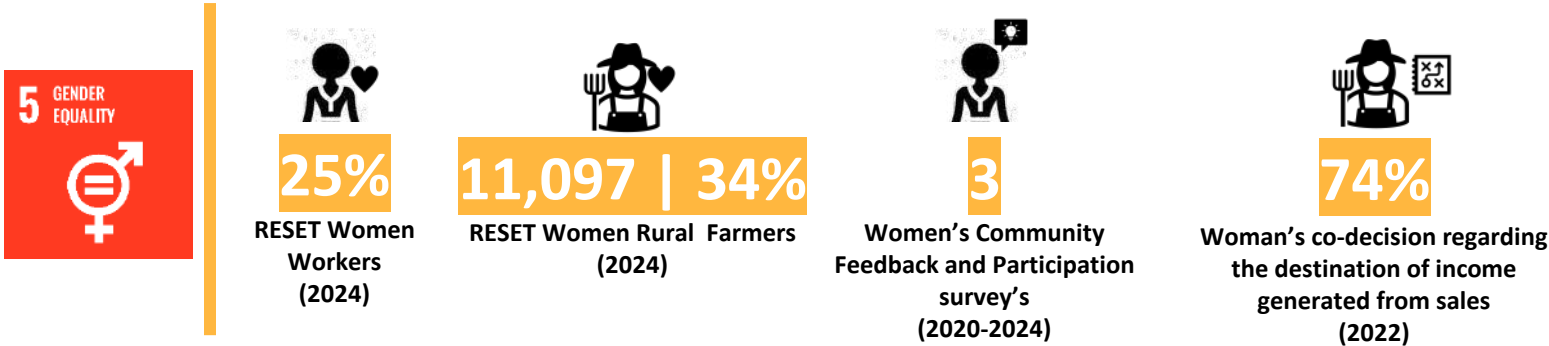
JFS-RESET also promotes an inclusive culture through targeted training, enhancing the **role of diversity as a driving force in agricultural innovation**. Leadership is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where diversity is not just encouraged but also embedded into all operations. The aim is to ensure that every individual, particularly women and those from marginalized backgrounds, feels genuinely valued and supported within JFS-RESET’s initiatives.

In 2023 we have implemented an inclusive job initiative with the prison of Cuamba, generating a work opportunity for 30 prisoners, 29 men and 1 woman, who were given the opportunity to do specific tasks at the factory, with specific supervision. This intervention becomes relevant, not only to generate opportunity for all groups, but also to sensitize and mobilize the internal on playing an active role in social challenges, like the recuperation and integration of inmates. JFS-RESET remunerated the work performed by this group, at the same exact rate, which was paid to the prison.

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING

JFS-RESET prioritizes empowering women in decision-making roles, demonstrated by the involvement of 748 Eco-Warriors across communities, doing several activities related to waste management, and from which 345 are also already involved in commerce activities, as community agents. These women drive environmental sustainability while also serving as economic leaders, facilitating the sale of JFS-RESET products and contributing to regional development.

Also, the success is measured through community feedback, with through focus on women’s participation in social and economic impacts (2019, 2023 and 2024). Notably, in a survey performed in 2023 by Green Light, independent entity contracted by JFS-RESET, concluded that 74% of women, alongside their spouses, now play a key role in deciding how income is utilized, reflecting positive impact of the actions being promoted in JFS-RESET ecosystem. By fostering inclusive participation, JFS-RESET ensures women lead both economic growth and environmental stewardship, creating lasting change in their communities.



SOURCE: AgDevCo, Fuller, R. (2019), Analysis of Baseline Survey Data
Green Light Development. (2023), Farmer Survey Report: Assessing the Impact of Solar Energy on Rural Farming
KAPAZ, IAAM (2024) - JFS-RESET Cuamba Protocol - Adoption Study
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5.5 / Access to Education & Health



RESET’s access to Education Strategy through

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

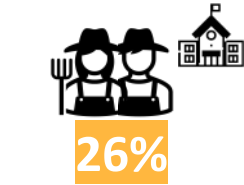
At the heart of RESET's approach is a profound understanding of community dynamics and individual needs, emphasizing the importance of collaboration with local entities and communities to effectively address diverse perspectives. **Access to education** is a critical need alongside infrastructure improvements. Since 2012, JFS-RESET has developed the Cotton School Program, working across twenty schools pilot, with full implementation in six by 2024 affecting positively around 80 young students. The program provides technical support to teachers, training both educators and students in agriculture, and assisting each school in implementing a small cotton field; all hazardous works like pesticide treatments are performed by JFS-RESET field officers, leaving the school to perform the remaining tasks, in a learn-by-doing process, including the harvesting, bagging, weighting and accounting of the annual results. The seed-cotton is paid with special price, and the results are converted into goods to support the school and its students (like paper, material, desks, etc).

RESET’s efforts also focus on improving educational facilities, making them more inclusive. Cotton for a Better Future project, implemented in 2023 improved the Khomane School infrastructure. The key achievements include the construction of a school, by equipping classrooms with proper lighting, desks, benches, a borehole for water access, and a community garden, with the goal of enhancing education outcomes. These improvements ensure students, including those with disabilities, can learn in a safe and healthy environment. In Khomane, over 510 students now have access to clean water and handwashing facilities—essential during health crises like cholera outbreaks. Through these integrated efforts, RESET not only enhances agricultural productivity and health education but also plays a vital role in fostering sustainable development, improving education access, and empowering Mozambique’s rural communities.

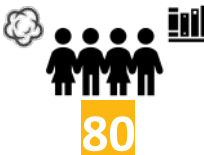
JFS-RESET's approach promotes positive impact through the engaged farmers that invest on children’s education (26%), promoting youth engagement, reducing school dropout rates, preventing forced and dangerous labour, and increasing years of schooling. By integrating and enhancing access to education, health, and living standards, RESET aims to foster sustained educational development. These holistic efforts not only improve educational outcomes but also positively impact the well-being of students, their families, and the wider community in Niassa province, ensuring a supportive environment for ongoing growth and development.

ACCESS TO PREVENTION HEALTH EDUCATION

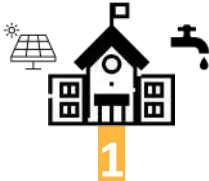
In 2011, JFS-RESET, in partnership with UNICEF and Eco-SIDA, has piloted the Juntos com Vida Project, a **health prevention education** program traveling to rural communities. The key innovation of this intervention was to optimize resources, and to capacitate JFS-RESET extension team to being able to provide basic education beyond the normal agronomic training, in key livelihood subjects such as nutrition, WASH, child and women rights, etc, and in an entertainment way, including the projection of movies with data shows, in places not served with electricity. This initiative showed very good acceptance both by our team, as well as by the communities, with a marginal operation cost. By merging health topics with entertainment, the mobile units fostered greater community participation, addressing critical social challenges in cotton-producing regions.



26%
Farmers that invest on children’s education (2024)



80
Girls and Boys Students served by “Escola Algodão” project (2024)



1
Improved School with access to water, energy and teachers (2023)



510
Girls and Boys Students access to an improved school (2023)

SOURCE: UNICEF, SAN JFS (2011), Juntos com Vida. UNICEF Mozambique. Aid by Trade Foundation (2024), Cotton for a Better Future Green Light Development. (2023), Farmer Survey Report: Assessing the Impact of Solar Energy on Rural Farming JFS (2012), Cotton School Program

6 / Governance

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6.1 / Governance Scope



RESET enhances governance by boosting business skills, fostering innovation, ensuring ethical practices, and promoting community safety and multi-stakeholder collaboration.



RESET is propelling **sustainable agro-industrial infrastructure** forward and **amplifying scientific** research to enhance technological capabilities, ensuring local communities gain access to essential knowledge and cutting-edge advancements.



RESET actively focus on empowering communities with **technical training and business skills** to ensure access to decent continuous work.



RESET prioritizes enhancing **multi-stakeholder partnerships** and upholding **ethics, transparency, and responsible business** conduct to foster trust and collaborative progress.



RESET is dedicated to **mitigating all forms of violence**, ensuring a safer and more secure environment for everyone. The organization promptly provides necessary resources during emergencies while also addressing medium-term needs with effective solutions.



6.2 / Access to Sustainable Agro-industrial Infrastructure

JFS-RESET environmentally friendly & innovative industrial park is equipped with comprehensive utilities and advanced facilities, including a specialized focus on sustainable agro-industrial infrastructure and efficient production.

SUSTAINABLE, AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

JFS-RESET's industrial park in Cuamba is the main industrial hub of JFS-RESET, spans over 80,000 square meters and stands as a model of sustainability and agro-industrial advancement. The park houses a modern cottonseed processing plant and an integrated oil extraction, refining, and packaging facility, capable of handling cottonseed, soy, and other oilseeds. This diversification not only expands JFS-RESET's product offerings but also enhances its ability to serve various markets.

In 2023, JFS-RESET took significant steps to increase its operational capacity with a masterplan to expand the industrial park. The plan includes building a new 4,000-square-meter warehouse to improve logistics and storage to meet rising demand. While the oil plant is currently modest in scale, plans for expansion hinge on the full implementation of regulatory frameworks for oilseed crops, including marketing and pricing standards. Once the business model is fully established, these frameworks will further fuel the park's growth potential.

The **Cotton Ginning Plant** has a daily capacity of 150 tons of seed cotton, optimizing cotton processing efficiency. Complementing this is the **Oil Pressing Plant**, capable of pressing 25 tons of oilseeds per day. Additionally, the **Edible Oil Refining and Packaging Plant**, processes and packages up to 10 tons of refined edible oil daily, enhancing product value and market reach.

The industrial park is well-equipped with critical infrastructure, such as dedicated power supply, sanitation systems, and a fire-fighting mechanism, which are protected under comprehensive insurance. To ensure sustainable operations, JFS-RESET has implemented a cutting-edge IT infrastructure for real-time monitoring, data management, and seamless communication across its network. This includes servers, broadband connectivity, and advanced computing equipment, further supporting its industrial operations.

In alignment with JFS-RESET's sustainability goals, and with the support of Get.Invest the company has conducted a feasibility study in 2023 aimed at transitioning the entire facility to solar power, an initiative that will significantly reduce the factory's carbon footprint and reliance on non-renewable energy. This strategic shift towards renewable energy underscores JFS-RESET's commitment to environmental responsibility while enhancing operational efficiency.

JFS-RESET's infrastructure includes other several smaller facilities, such as the Sisal processing plant in Memba or the growing Macadamia operation in Chimoio. These key sites highlight the company's focus on high-value crops, while smaller assets provide localized support, enhancing community development and sustainability.

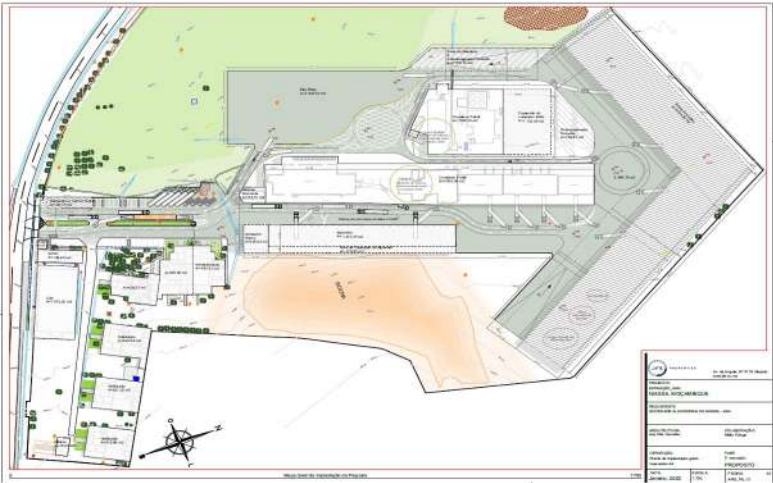


FIGURE 12 | RESET CUAMBA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

CUAMBA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE	AREA (M²)
Offices	467
Residential buildings	2.569
Clinic	78
Office	477
Factories, warehouses and porches	7.743
Store & Warehouse	1.076
Others	1.721
TOTAL	14.131

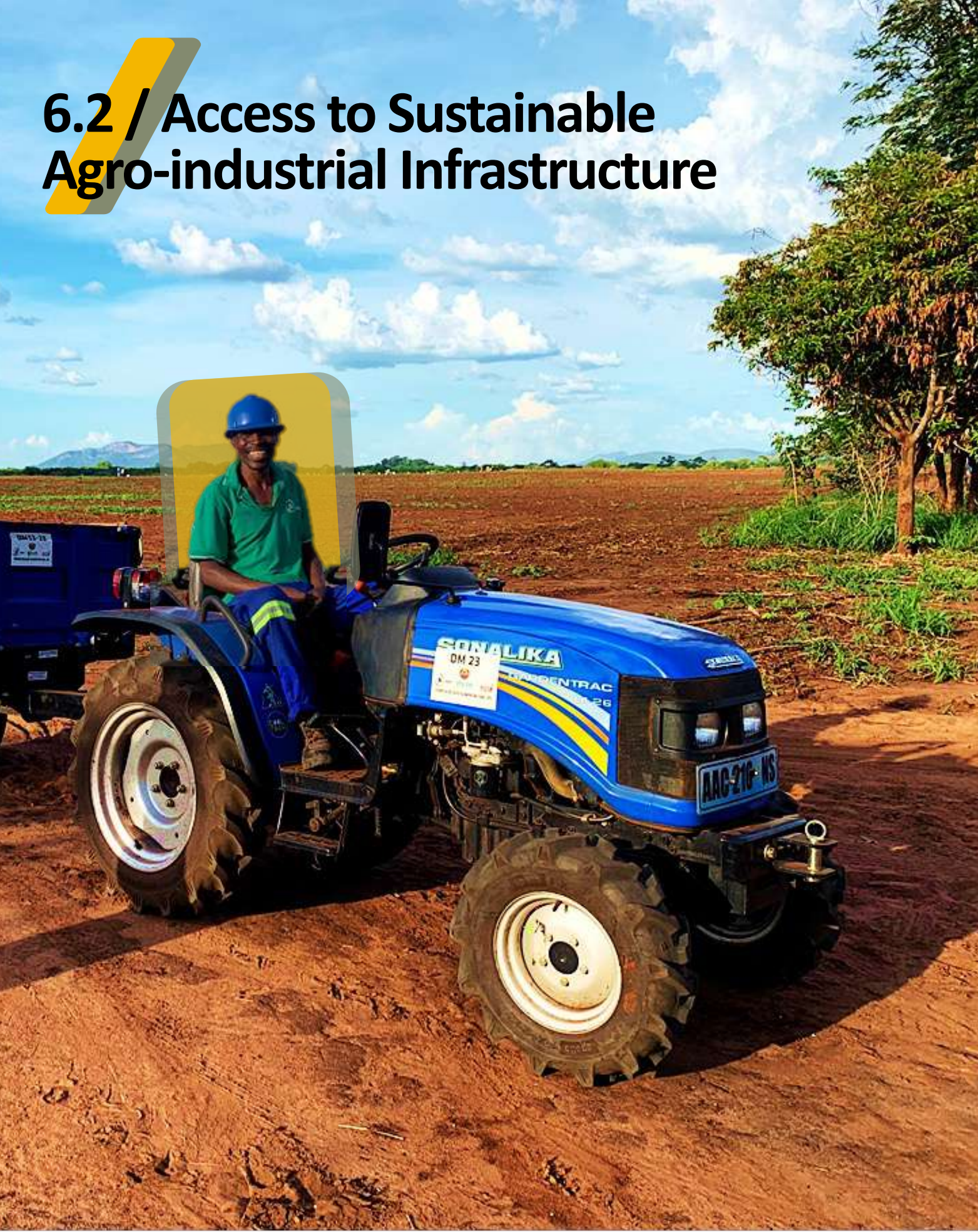
COTTON GINNING PLANT	UNIT	OIL PRESSING PLANT	UNIT	EDIBLE OIL REFINING AND PACKAGING PLANT	UNIT
Installation year	2012	Installation year	2022	Installation year	2012
Brand Equipment	SWAN	Brand Equipment	UNITED	Brand Equipment	UNITED
Capacity	150 ton/day	Capacity	25 ton/day	Capacity	10 ton/day



80.000
Agro-industrial Sustainable Infrastructure square meters (2024)

5
Factories, warehouses and porches Store & Warehouse (2024)

6.2 / Access to Sustainable Agro-industrial Infrastructure



JFS-RESET provides comprehensive logistics support and cutting-edge technology, ensuring efficient agricultural production and market access for rural communities.

FLEET AND LOGISTICS

JFS-RESET is thoroughly equipped with a well-optimized **fleet and a range of machinery** to support its expansive production operations. The fleet includes trucks, tractors with implements, forklifts, light vehicles (pick-ups), motorbikes, and an industrial weighbridge, ensuring the company’s ability to meet logistical demands. Managed by a dedicated fleet manager, along with a specialized maintenance team and skilled drivers, the company’s internal logistics are designed for efficiency, with seamless support during peak production times through partnerships with long-term, reliable transporters. This enables JFS-RESET to consistently deliver inputs and transport harvested crops, including cotton, at no cost to local farming communities.

Additionally, JFS-RESET leverages cutting-edge, internally developed software to maintain real-time operational control. This system is supported by a robust IT infrastructure, including servers, broadband connections, and a range of computing devices, all of which enhance the company’s organizational efficiency. By integrating modern technology with skilled workforce management, JFS-RESET improves agricultural productivity and operational sustainability.

Beyond the main operations in Cuamba, JFS-RESET maintains a versatile fleet across other locations to support agricultural activities efficiently. These fleets, though smaller in scale, are essential for providing timely logistics, delivering inputs, and collecting produce directly from farmers. In areas like Memba and Chimoio, the fleet ensures seamless transportation of Sisal and Macadamia products, respectively, contributing to the streamlined operations and maximizing productivity in each regional hub.

CUAMBA INVENTORY	N.º UNITS
Trucks	19
Tractors + Implements	12 + 27
Forklifts	5
Light Vehicles (pick-up trucks)	8
Motorbikes	45
Industrial Weighbridge	1



FIGURE 13 & 14 | RESET FLEET




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Fleet and Large Farming
Equipment's (2024)

6.2 / Access to Sustainable Agro-industrial Infrastructure

Evaluate the effectiveness of supply chain management practices in ensuring transparency, traceability, and ethical sourcing throughout technological integration and data management.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT & DIGITAL TRACEABILITY

Many farmers in rural Mozambique struggle with limited access to essential services, such as bank accounts, microcredit, and basic resources, due to the lack of identity cards. To overcome this barrier, JFS-RESET has implemented a comprehensive **supply chain management system** that includes biometric identification and registration. By 2024, 32,630 farmers who sold cotton were registered with biometric IDs, covering 33,255 production polygons, enabling accurate identification and personalized support. This system also facilitates pre-financing, agricultural inputs, training, and technical assistance throughout all stages, from production to sales.

The system provides precise **digital traceability**, achieving 100% farm-to-bale tracking across the entire supply chain. This level of transparency ensures ethical sourcing, compliance with sustainability standards, and fair compensation for all participants according to set prices and regulations, while upholding rigorous environmental and social standards.

JFS-RESET's farmer-centric data collection enables precision-targeted interventions, improving productivity while protecting the well-being of farming communities. Managing entities are required to operate under robust systems that can anticipate risks, implement corrective actions, and promote best practices through local technical support. By providing professional training, data-driven insights, and transparent reporting, JFS-RESET fosters responsible farming practices. These efforts support social equity, environmental conservation, and sustainable economic growth, ensuring transparency, traceability, and ethical sourcing across the supply chain.

TECHNOLOGICAL INTEGRATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT

JFS-RESET is leveraging cutting-edge **technological solutions** to enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability. A core initiative is the registration of farm polygons using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. This foundational process accurately maps farmland boundaries, optimizing land use, enhancing crop production, and promoting sustainable practices like crop rotation, with an average of 0.64 hectares of cotton per farmer. Additionally, GIS technology plays a crucial role in formalizing land ownership, offering farmers the recognition of their agricultural spaces, which contributes to better land management and long-term economic stability.

The **integration of GIS** further supports efficient spatial analysis, helping the company and farmers to determine best crop locations by evaluating soil quality, topography, and historical data. This opens opportunity for implementing conservation measures like buffer zones and contour farming to prevent soil erosion, enhancing long-term land sustainability. Additionally, JFS-RESET leverages SENTINEL 2 satellite imagery for comprehensive land monitoring. By tracking changes across extensive farming areas over time, this technology provides valuable insights into land use patterns and performance. By correlating satellite imagery with farm productivity data, JFS-RESET has been gradually identifying trends and refine farming interventions, enhancing efficiency and fostering a data-driven agricultural system. This innovative approach sets the stage for integrating advanced analytics and artificial intelligence into future farming practices, driving smarter, more sustainable agricultural solutions.



FIGURE 15 | FARMER POLYGON IDENTIFICATION

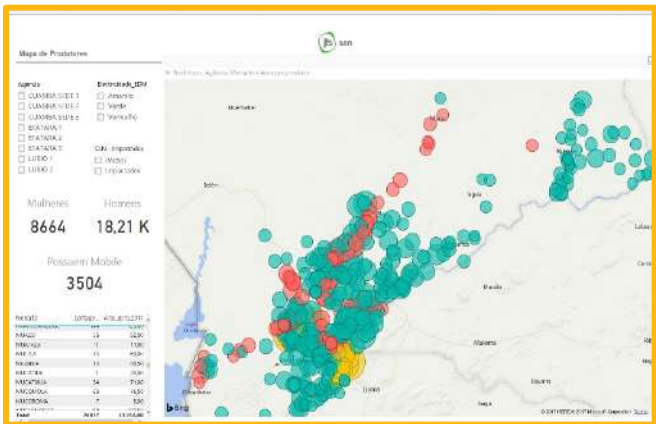
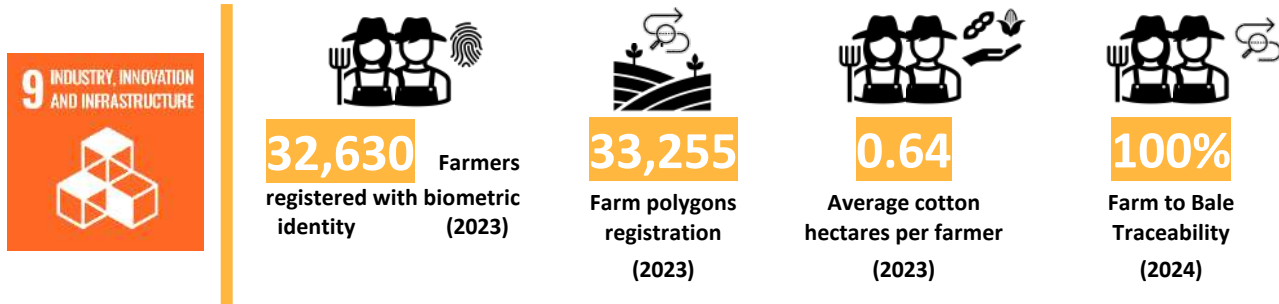


FIGURE 16 | RESET (2024) POLYGON IDENTIFICATION APPLICATION



6.3 / Access Impact Scientific Research



Transforming rural poverty into prosperity through innovative agricultural and rural development, through rigorous research and tools community innovative projects.

ENHANCE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

JFS-RESET and the RESET Foundation are spearheading **impactful research** in Mozambique to boost community well-being and agricultural productivity. Their collaborative efforts focus on developing regenerative strategies that enhance living standards and farming efficiency through innovative research that intersects sustainable agriculture with community development.

Central to their mission, the RESET Foundation advances knowledge and innovation through the **"João Ferreira dos Santos" Knowledge Center**, promoting a vibrant culture of research and development., focus and committed to:

- **Research:** addressing social, environmental, and economic challenges through research, collaboration with academic institutions, and practical solutions.
- **Tools:** The development of innovative tools and methodologies designed to advance regeneration processes and drive transformative impact. These include Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, training programs, capacity-building tools, and more.
- **Publications:** ensuring that research is translated into scientifically rigorous publications, contributing to global knowledge.
- **Amplification & Advocacy:** amplifying these insights by supporting change agents, advocating for critical causes, and providing essential resources to those in need, ensuring the broad dissemination of knowledge for lasting change.

RESET's **think tank** plays a pivotal role in its strategic operations by engaging a diverse range of experts from fields such as agriculture, economics, sociology, and environmental sciences. This multidisciplinary collaboration allows RESET to assess the unique needs of the communities it serves and define impactful strategies for research and sustainable development in the field. By combining expert insights, research, and data-driven analysis, the think tank develops comprehensive frameworks and solutions that guide RESET's initiatives. This process ensures that RESET's interventions are tailored, scalable, and aligned with long-term social and environmental goals.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION RESEARCH

Since 2022, JFS-RESET and the RESET Foundation, collects critical knowledge and information in a [Living Library](#) and has coordinated a range of **innovative research projects** aimed at addressing key challenges in agriculture, poverty alleviation, and sustainability. These projects focus on developing new methodologies for assessing poverty and improving agricultural practices:

- **Poverty Livelihood Baseline:** This research focuses on developing methodologies to assess poverty among farmers and rural communities using tools like surveys, focus groups, and stakeholder identification. An essential component is the use of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to evaluate deprivations in areas such as health, education, and living standards, providing a holistic view of poverty. The findings will guide targeted and effective future interventions.
- **Soil fertility monitoring:** Developing techniques and tools for measuring and monitoring soil fertility to optimize agricultural productivity.
- **Determinant Factors in Cotton Productivity:** Analysis of the factors that currently have the greatest influence on and determine the agricultural yields of the crop.
- **On-farm intercropping trial:** study conducted directly on farmers' fields to test how planting two or more crops together can improve yields, enhance soil health, and increase agricultural resilience.
- **Agroforestry and Syntropic Cultivation Systems:** These research explore sustainable agricultural methods that integrate diverse crops and trees, promoting ecosystem resilience, biodiversity, and long-term soil health to enhance both productivity and environmental sustainability.
- **Feasibility study for carbon project based in the cotton agro-forestry system for small scale farmers:** Assessing the viability of a cotton agro-forestry project resulting in producing carbon credits.
- **Research on best crops for biodiesel production:** Identifying the best crops for biodiesel production in Mozambique to promote renewable energy sources.
- **Organic cotton production trial:** Investigating sustainable methods for organic cotton production to support eco-friendly agriculture.
- **Biopesticide and on-station intercropping trials:** These experiments, focus on testing natural pesticides (biopesticides) and combining them with intercropping practices to control pests while promoting sustainable farming.
- **Biochar trial:** This trial investigates the use of biochar, a type of charcoal added to soil, to improve its fertility, water retention, and overall crop yields, contributing to more sustainable agriculture.
- **Low-cost yield improvement methods/tools:** Developing cost-effective solutions to increase agricultural yields, such as improved tools and practices.
- **Adherence Factors:** Socioeconomic factors underlying farmers' engagement in cotton cultivation.



6.4 / Access to Business Skills & Decent Work

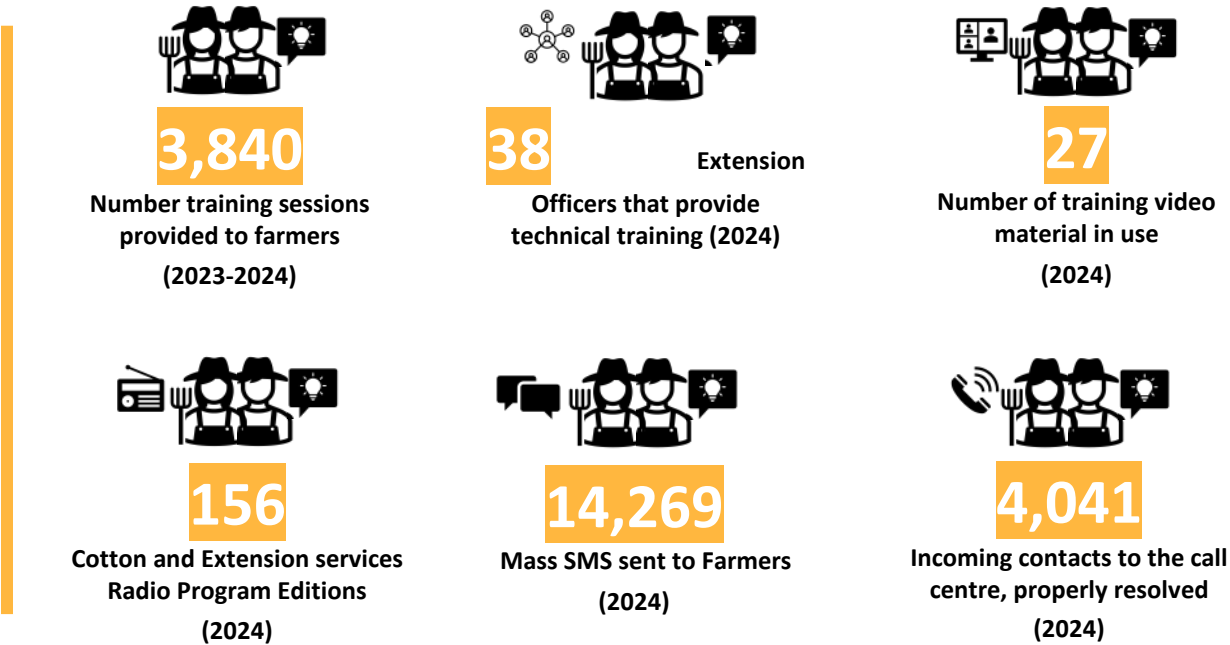
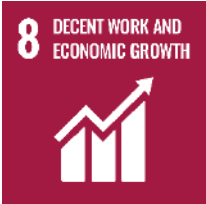
JFS-RESET's commitment to fostering access to technical training & business skills.

ACCESS TO TRAINING AND TO TECNICAL SKILLS

JFS-RESET’s impact on Mozambique’s agricultural sector goes well beyond short-term productivity gains, focusing on lifelong learning and skill development for farmers. Supported by dedicated extension officers and technicians, JFS-RESET equips farmers with knowledge in sustainable farming methods, modern agricultural practices, and essential business skills, empowering them to adapt and thrive in a constantly evolving agricultural landscape.

To enhance learning effectiveness, JFS-RESET utilizes modern tools like training videos (27 created). It is also working on new initiatives and applications, such as gamified apps, and biometric check-ins for training sessions, ensuring active participation and consistent progress tracking. This multifaceted approach to education promotes continuous learning, resilience, and innovation within farming communities. Through these efforts, JFS-RESET not only boosts agricultural productivity but also fosters long-term sustainability, equipping farmers with the skills needed to face both current and future challenges.

JFS-RESET’s initiatives extend beyond technical training to encompass financial literacy, agribusiness management, and market access strategies, elevating farmers' economic potential. With the support of extension officers and a robust community engagement model, JFS-RESET provides ongoing **technical and business training**. Innovative tools like radio programs and a dedicated call center—having resolved 4,041 incoming contacts—make farmer support accessible and comprehensive. This dedicated call center, which serves as a continuous platform for timely advice, technical assistance, and training resources, such as instructional videos. Complementing these efforts, the radio program—broadcast in 156 editions—focuses on cotton and extension services, providing farmers with real-time advice and technical support. This integrated approach empowers farmers to adopt sustainable practices, driving long-term growth across Mozambique's rural communities.





Uneven Playing Field: How Global Cotton Subsidies Leave Mozambique at a Disadvantage

REGULATED WITHOUT COTTON SUBSIDIES

The [2023 ICAC report](#) on cotton subsidies highlights the **significant disparities in government support for the cotton sector worldwide**. Countries like China, the United States, Brazil, India, and Turkey provide substantial subsidies to their cotton farmers, ensuring price stability and financial security. These subsidies come in various forms, including direct financial support, minimum price guarantees, input subsidies, crop insurance, and transportation assistance. In contrast, in Mozambique, despite the positive experience of the [Price Stabilization Mechanism](#) tested, developed internally by the cotton subsector in 2020, there is still no consistent public policy in this regards, This places Mozambican cotton farmers at a severe disadvantage in the global market. Without consistent government assistance on price or support mechanisms, companies and farmers must absorb all production risks, including climate variability, pest infestations, and market fluctuations. Meanwhile, subsidized producers in major cotton-growing nations benefit from cost reductions and price protections, allowing them to remain competitive even in periods of declining global cotton prices, all contributing to global over production and international price depreciation, affecting the countries that do not have capacity to implement similar solutions.

The ICAC data show that in 2022/23 alone, global cotton subsidies reached nearly \$8 billion, with China leading at \$2.4 billion, followed by the United States (\$1.6 billion) and India (\$2.97 billion). These countries provide extensive financial cushions to their cotton industries, ensuring their farmers can continue production regardless of market volatility. Mozambique’s lack of a consistent protection mechanism forces its farmers to rely solely on market-driven revenues, making them vulnerable to price drops and external shocks.

This structural disadvantage hinders Mozambique’s ability to compete internationally, limits investment in sustainable farming practices, and exacerbates rural poverty. Addressing this imbalance requires exploring policy mechanisms to support smallholder cotton farmers, whether through financial safety nets, input support, or market interventions.

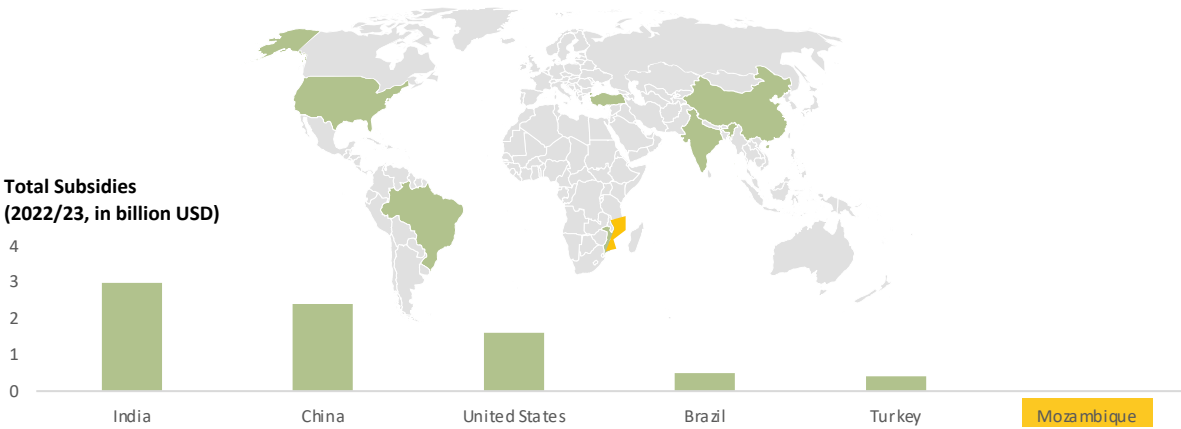
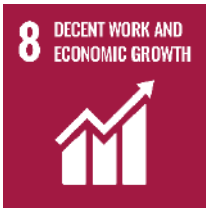


FIGURE 17 | ICAC (2023) GLOBAL COTTON SUBSIDIES



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Cotton Subsidies (up to 2023)

6.4 / Access to Business Skills & Decent Work

Pilot Initiatives on Subsidies for Price Stabilization in Mozambique's Cotton Sector

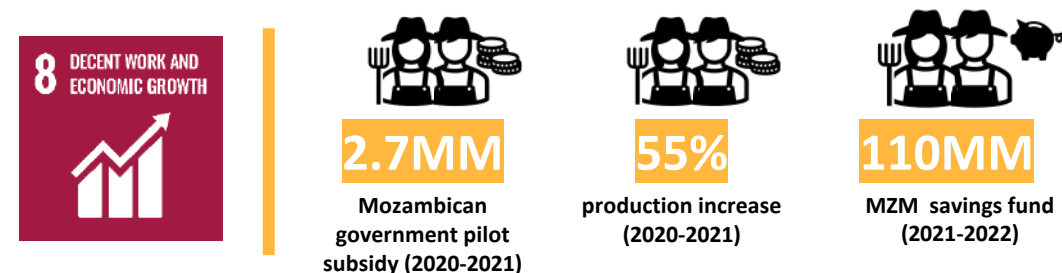
SUBSIDIES THAT ENABLE FINANTIAL AND PRODUCTION BOOST

In 2015, Mozambique's cotton sector conducted an initial study on price stabilization mechanisms, supported by GIZ. The findings influenced the **2019/20 a pilot subsidy intervention**, implemented when international cotton prices dropped by 30% due to COVID-19. To prevent income loss and farmer disengagement, a \$2.7 million USD subsidy was granted, benefiting 100,000 farming families. As a result, cotton production surged 55% in 2020/21, and as global prices recovered, subsidies were no longer required. A subsequent study by AAM, UEM, and UNU-WIDER concluded that without the subsidy, production would have declined by 18%, whereas the intervention generated a \$17.8 million USD impact, yielding a 7:1 return on investment.

In 2021/22, an unexpected surge in cotton prices—the second-highest in 50 years—led to the creation of a Savings Fund to mitigate future market fluctuations. The **Price Stabilization Mechanism (MEP)** was formally established in June 2022, approved by the Council of Ministers (Decree No. 25/2022), and implemented through a tripartite agreement between IAOM, AAM, and FONPA. The initiative ensured price stability, setting a minimum price of 33 MZM/kg while saving 5.5 MZM/kg per kilogram sold, accumulating 110 million MZM in reserves. This historic move demonstrated Mozambique's commitment to agricultural sustainability despite the absence of large-scale subsidies, unlike many other cotton-producing nations.

In 2022/23, cotton prices fell again, dropping to 26 MZM/kg. Thanks to the MEP's reserve fund, the government maintained the minimum price at 33 MZM/kg, securing additional financial support to protect farmers without exhausting savings. By 2023/24, the market remained stable, albeit slightly declining. After consultations, the sector set the cotton price at 30 MZM/kg, with a 5 MZM/kg subsidy drawn from the MEP's savings fund. This approach reflects the effectiveness of the stabilization mechanism, providing resilience against price volatility while ensuring sustainable farmer support.

Moving forward, Mozambique's cotton sector remains highly vulnerable to market volatility, climate risks, and the absence of stable subsidies. The MEP pilot has proven effective, but its long-term viability depends on sustained government engagement, and formal long-term subsidy policy, financed by the economy it generates. Expanding domestic textile industries and investing in value-added processing and lint and seeds could significantly enhance national revenue and local employment. To ensure long-term competitiveness, Mozambique must adopt policy adjustments that align with global best practices in subsidy implementation.



6.4 / Access to Business Skills & Decent Work



Building a Safer and More Inclusive Future - JFS-RESET’s Holistic Approach to Workforce Empowerment in Mozambique

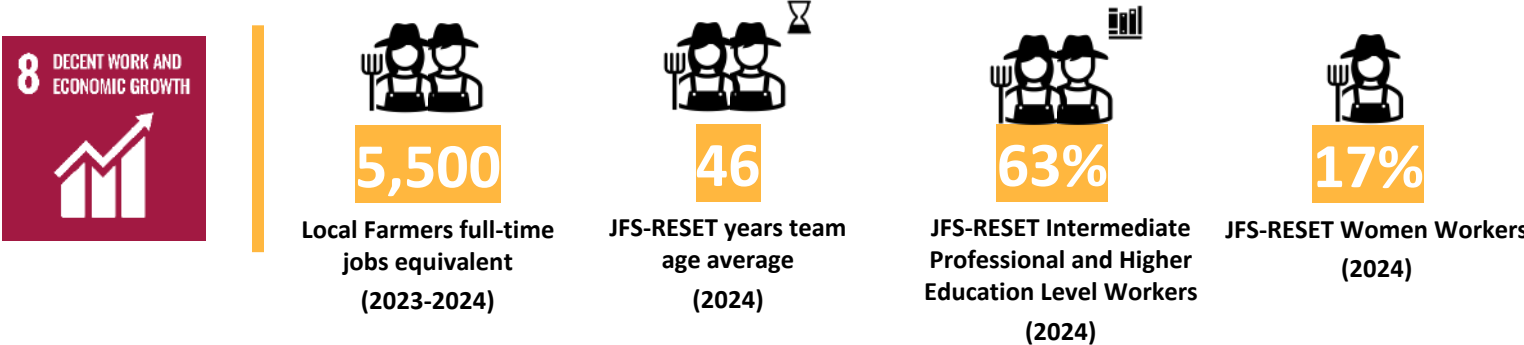
DECENT WORK AND SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JFS-RESET is committed to fostering safe, respectful, and **decent working conditions** that go beyond labour law compliance. By prioritizing the principles promoted by the Standards such as Better Cotton, including fair wages, women rights, proper working conditions and safety equipment that cover from the internal workers and to outreach farmers. RESET contributes to a better and safer working environment. Safety protocols and ongoing training further demonstrate JFS-RESET’s proactive approach to workplace safety, reducing risks and safeguarding the well-being of the workforce. This creates a culture where safety and respect are integral, highlighting the organization’s dedication to its employees’ health and security, practices compiled in an Internal Regulation.

JFS-RESET is deeply committed to championing **equal opportunities** for all workers, ensuring that everyone—regardless of gender, background, or other characteristics—has access to fair employment, training, and advancement opportunities. This focus is particularly impactful for marginalized groups, especially women, who often face barriers in the agricultural sector. As refereed on the inclusion chapter, JFS-RESET launched a pilot project in Cuamba prison, generating a work opportunity for 30 prisoners and providing training in agricultural development. This program equips them with valuable professional skills, supporting rehabilitation, reintegration, and social inclusion through sustainable farming practices. This holistic approach positively impacts local farmers by creating **sustainable employment opportunities** in rural Mozambique. With approximately 65 man-days required per hectare of cotton, farmers benefit from the creation of around 5,500 full-time jobs equivalent.

Our team is composed of professionals across various levels of seniority and expertise, from seasoned leaders to dedicated field technicians, all working collaboratively to drive sustainable agricultural development and community empowerment. With an average age of 46 years, our workforce strikes a balance between youthful innovation and experienced wisdom, with 63% holding an Intermediate Professional or Higher Education level.

JFS-RESET is committed to fostering diversity and inclusion, reflected in the 17% representation of women in key roles, marking a 4% increase since 2023. Additionally, the organization thrives on a blend of local talent and expatriate expertise, uniting professionals from multiple nationalities and educational backgrounds. This dynamic and inclusive team embodies JFS-RESET’s dedication to building a workplace where diverse knowledge, experience, and perspectives come together to create innovative solutions and generate meaningful impact in the communities we serve.



6.5 / Enhancing Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships, Ethics & Transparency

Strategic partnerships, RESET leverages collective expertise and resources to drive impactful initiatives, fostering sustainable development growth.

MULTI-STAKE HOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

JFS-RESET collaborates with a diverse **Multi-stake Holder Partnerships networks** of partners to drive sustainable community and agricultural development in Mozambique. Among its main strategic partners are:



Associação Algodoeira de Moçambique (AAM): A pivotal player in rural development, AIMO represents the cotton sector and supports over 142,000 producers, facilitating the production of 45,802 tons of cotton and 50,000 tons of diverse crops across 26 districts. It operates five companies, nine cotton factories, and three oil factories, generating around 30,000 direct and indirect jobs.



Associação Industrial de Moçambique (AIMO): AIMO represents industrial companies in Mozambique, advocating for improved business conditions and competitiveness. It offers members avenues for government engagement, market connections, information access, and training services.



Better Cotton Initiative (BCI): BCI is a leading sustainability initiative for cotton, aiming to improve livelihoods and environmental conservation in cotton-growing communities. It collaborates with stakeholders across the cotton value chain to promote sustainable cotton production practices.



Cotton made in Africa (CmiA): CmiA, an initiative of the Aid by Trade Foundation, promotes sustainably produced cotton in Africa to enhance the living conditions of smallholder farmers. It works with partners throughout the textile value chain to ensure the implementation of sustainability standards.



Confederation of Economic Associations of Mozambique (CTA): CTA, established to promote private sector growth and economic development, represents various business associations and chambers of commerce in Mozambique. It engages in dialogue with the government to advocate for economic and regulatory reforms, aiming to create a conducive business environment.



The National Cotton Producers Forum of Mozambique (FONPA): is a member-based, non-profit organization which primary goal is to advocate for the interests the cotton producers, organized into associations and cooperatives, as well as some independent producers.



International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC): ICAC is a global association comprising cotton-producing, consuming, and trading countries. It facilitates knowledge sharing, innovation, and partnerships to address international cotton-related issues.



Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP): The MSP serves as a collaborative space for stakeholders, including government bodies, NGOs, and private entities, to coordinate efforts for sustainable development in Northern Mozambique. It focuses on promoting inclusive development and integrated development corridors, fostering synergies among various sectors.



SDG Multi-stakeholder Partnerships networks (2024)



SDG Public, public-private, and civil society Partners (2024)

6.5 / Enhancing Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships, Ethics & Transparency

JFS-RESET emphasizes ethical conduct, transparency, and responsible business practices, ensuring environmental stewardship across its operations and community engagement initiatives.

ETHIC, TRANSPARENCY AND RESPONSABLE BUSINESS CONDUCT

RESET's commitment to **ethics, transparency, and responsible business** conduct is at the core of its operations, ensuring that every initiative adheres to internationally recognized standards ([CMIA](#), [Better Cotton](#), [ISO 9001](#), [Made in Mozambique](#) and the recently acquired [ISCC](#) and [Regenagri](#)) and license ([Environmental License](#)). This commitment not only enhances sustainability and quality assurance but also ensures accountability through rigorous monitoring, reporting, and grievance mechanisms. RESET upholds fair labor practices, promoting equity, and fostering trust within communities and among stakeholders.

RESET cultivates an **inclusive and productive work environment**, from headquarters to field operations, creating an ecosystem where employees, farmers, and partners can thrive. It maintains a comprehensive [Employment Policies, Rights, and Responsibilities](#) and a [Code of Conduct Principles](#) for employees, partners, and suppliers, setting clear ethical expectations across the supply chain. This inclusive approach ensures that all individuals, regardless of background, have the opportunity to succeed and participate fully in JFS-RESET's activities. We implement adaptable working policies to cultivate a workplace in the headquarters, factories as in the foment model in the field with local farmers, that is not only inclusive but also conducive to productivity and all chain of value stakeholder satisfaction. This ensures that all persons engaged, irrespective of their background, can engage fully and thrive within the JFS-RESET activity. To push equity further, JFS-RESET leverages data-driven insights, collecting and analysing data intensively, and engaging with communities to tailor our policies specifically to the needs of women and underrepresented groups in agriculture.

Engaging in continuous dialogue with stakeholders through meetings, forums, and feedback mechanisms ensures **transparency and accountability**. RESET integrates these values at every level of its operations, building a business model that prioritizes both individual well-being and environmental sustainability. Through its approach, RESET creates a framework that drives long-term success while promoting ethical and sustainable development for all involved.

To further promote equity, RESET employs data-driven insights and community engagement ([2019](#), [2023](#) and [2024](#)), tailoring policies to address the specific needs of women and underrepresented groups in agriculture. The organization extends its **responsible business conduct** beyond internal operations, holding all partners and collaborators to the same high ethical and transparency standards. RESET regularly conducts audits and assessments to ensure compliance, while transparent pricing and procurement practices guarantee fairness in business transactions.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



RESET People, Workplace & Culture Regulation Manual (2024)



RESET Ethical Conduct and Transparency Framework (2024)



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6.6 / Mitigating All forms of Violence

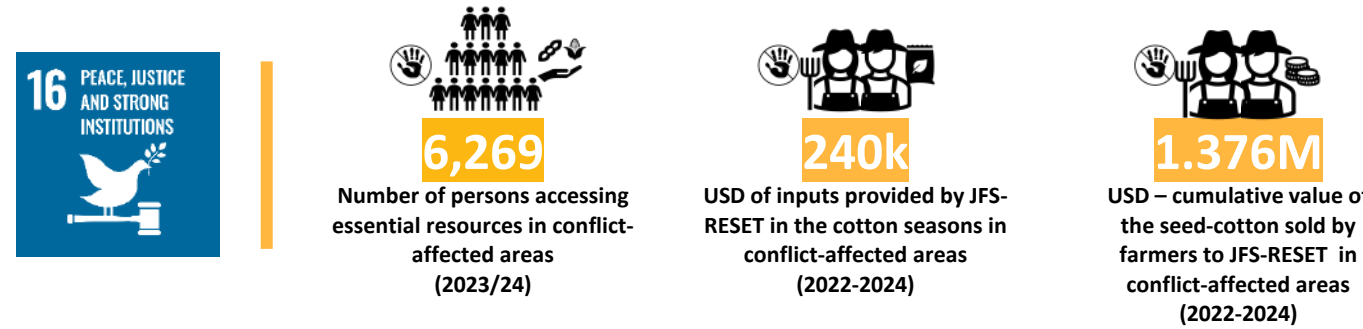


JFS-RESET's commitment to fostering access to technical training, business skills and ensuring decent work is integral to their sustainable development strategy.

AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCE AND PEACEBUILDING IN CONFLICT ZONES

Since late 2022, JFS-RESET has been at the forefront of efforts to stabilize and improve **agricultural resilience** in the devastated by conflict and displacement in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique region. Responding to a request from the IAOM, and in cooperation with FONPA and stakeholders, JFS-RESET, in October 2022, assumed responsibility for the seed-cotton purchases of the 2021/22 season, before the collapse of the company responsible for that area, which was not able to finalize the season. In this operation, and considering the international market downturn in comparison to the moment when the minimum price was set, JFS-RESET ended up contributing with its business margin to ensure that the minimum price approved by the Council of Ministers was met. A total of 6.8 million meticaïs (~107k USD) was added by JFS-RESET to ensure the farmers a price of 33 MZM/kg, stabilizing both the region and the sector. In total, about 1,700 tons of seed cotton were successfully sold by farmers, worth around 56 million meticaïs (~885k USD).

Following this intervention, and at the request of IAOM, JFS-RESET continued operations in 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons, in an effort to keep minimum activities in the area, while the Government was conducting the process of appointing a new concessionaire. Through proactive risk-taking and effective supply chain management, JFS-RESET strengthened local farming communities, ensuring the continuity of agricultural production amidst severe instability. Under the development contract signed on December 2022, JFS-RESET procured, at its own risk, inputs and resources worth around 15 million meticaïs (~240k USD), which were distributed to 2,451 farmers in 2022/23 and 3,402 farmers in 2023/24. The farmers that were able to finalize the crop seasons and sell cotton were under the initial registered farmers, due to several reasons, such as loss of farming areas, social instability, etc. Production in 2022/23 season reached 350 tons of seed-cotton, corresponding to a value of 11.5 million meticaïs (~181k USD), and in n 2023/24 production increased to 653 ton of seed-cotton, corresponding to a value of 19.6 million meticaïs (~310k USD), reflecting the continued success of the initiative. These actions have been crucial in promoting peace, food security, and economic recovery in conflict-affected areas, aligning with the broader goals of SDG 16: peace, justice, and strong institutions.



EMPOWERING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGH AGRICULTURE

The ongoing conflict and displacement in Mozambique, particularly in Cabo Delgado, have severely impacted vulnerable communities, deepening poverty and instability in the region. The first insurgency occurred in October 2017, affecting districts such as Palma and Mocímboa da Praia. This was followed by devastating natural disasters, including Cyclone Kenneth in April 2019 and Cyclone Idai in March 2019, which compounded the region’s challenges. The situation further deteriorated with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, adding a public health crisis to the existing governance and socio-economic issues. **Women and children are particularly vulnerable, facing exploitation and violence.** High rates of malnutrition, malaria, and inadequate mental health services further complicate the situation. Regional interventions, such as SADC’s mission, focus on combating terrorism, stabilizing the area, and promoting peacebuilding efforts, aligning with SDG 16 goals of peace and justice.

In 2023/24, JFS-RESET was invited by one of the main national strategic projects in the region to provide crucial agricultural support to 10 communities, over 2.867 farmers in northern Cabo Delgado - Palma and Mocímboa da Praia, an area heavily affected by conflict and displacement. By supplying emergency aid, seeds, and tools for food production, the project helped rebuild local food systems, providing immediate relief to communities in precarious situations. This project also explored potential models for oilseed value chains and biofuel production, supporting sustainable growth in the region.

The above initiative added to the efforts already referred for the cotton areas, where, in 2023/24, JFS-RESET supported 3,402 farmers in the cotton production, in districts of Cabo Delgado, such as Montepuez, Balama, Namuno, Chiure, and Ancuabe.

By providing essential tools, resources, and training, RESET empowered farmers to rebuild and maintain local production, ensuring long-term sustainability and resilience in these conflict-affected areas. Through this holistic support, including youth employment, RESET promotes peacebuilding, economic recovery, and social cohesion in conflict-affected areas.

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Restoring Healthy and Resilient Landscapes in Mozambique (2016)	World Bank. (2016). Restoring Healthy and Resilient Landscapes in Mozambique.	The report highlights Mozambique's efforts in restoring degraded lands through community-led interventions combining reforestation, agriculture, and climate-resilient practices.	SDG 15, SDG 13	15.1, 13.3

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