



ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS UPDATE MOZAMBIQUE

Save the Children has been engaged with different stakeholders to ensure that our advocacy and campaigns efforts are impactful, inclusive, and accessible to a wide audience. We partner with the major child-focused civil society organizations in Mozambique, including CECAP, MEPT and the 3R platform, and together we tackle some of the important issues related to child rights. Overall, our work includes:

PROMOTING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILD MARRIAGE LAW

– In partnership with CECAP and its members, we have been supporting efforts for the dissemination of the new Child Marriage Law. The partners spearheaded the development of key messages about the law, which were then used by different partners for the production of IEC materials. SCI designed posters and a child-friendly brochure about the law. In October, as part of the celebration of the International Day of the Girl, we hosted and facilitated a public webinar on the challenges of the implementation of the child marriage law during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to ensure that the law is well known by key stakeholders, we supported provincial training workshops about the Child Marriage Law for local judges, prosecutors and police in Tete and Sofala Provinces.

DRAFTING AND SUBMITTING THEMATIC UPR REPORTS.

- **Child rights** – Together with the 3R platform, the Child Rights report raised concerns about the general measures for the implementation of legislative instruments on the rights of the child, including the elimination of the National Commission for Social Action (known as CNAC) in 2018. The report also raised concerns about the general principles of children's rights; children's civil rights and rights to freedom; violence against children; sexual and reproductive health rights; the functional problems

with the community child protection committees; and children's well-being and their rights to education and to leisure. The full report is available [here](#).

- **Child marriage and adolescent pregnancies** – In partnership with CECAP, this thematic report addressed issues such as poverty and inequality; harmful gender practices and their relation to child marriages and the violation of child rights; and the sexual and reproductive health issues faced by Mozambican girls. It also highlighted the fact that Mozambique has a high birth rate among young population, and the importance of protecting girls' education. CECAP is the leading coalition to end child marriages in Mozambique. Read the full report [here](#).
- **People with disabilities** – The report analyzed the implementation of the legal framework on people with disabilities in Mozambique, identifying the main gaps and recommending possible solutions. The document also addressed the way in which institutions and policies respond to the problems that people with disabilities face in the country. FAMOD is the national forum of organizations working on disability, and the full report is available [here](#).

ASSESSMENT ON SCHOOL REOPENING IN COVID-19 TIMES

SCI has been assisting the government to analyse the extent to which the schools were prepared to reopen after months of closure due to COVID-19. It was against this backdrop that SCI, as a strategic partner of the Ministry of Education, decided to carry out an assessment of schools in the seven provinces where SCI operates to highlight the possible risks to children and teachers in relation to school reopening, and to provide recommendations on measures that should be taken to ensure a safe school reopening process. Read the report synthesis [here](#).

POLICY BRIEF ON CHILDREN'S VOICES ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

This Policy Brief aimed to capture the perspectives of boys and girls with regards to how they are experiencing the COVID-19 crisis. SCI has been working closely with representatives of the Children's Parliament, who have been leading child-focused advocacy at the national and local levels. This paper summarizes what we have heard from boys and girls members of the Children's Parliament, and our recommendations, both for the government and for civil society. The document is available [here](#).

RCCE CAMPAIGN ON COVID-19 PREVENTION

In an effort to deliver more impactful communications about COVID-19 within communities, SCI conducted a rapid assessment on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE). The assessment used household surveys to capture the impressions of adults and children (9-18 years old); a total of 768 surveys were implemented across 6 provinces: Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Zambezia, Manica, Sofala and Gaza. The assessment was conducted between April and May, 2020, and the results of the study helped to adjust the approaches for COVID-19 campaigns. The document is available [here](#).

The assessment also informed the design of a multimedia campaign featuring three ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)) short animated videos, using Paíto and Zinha as the main characters. The campaign was implemented over a 3-month period on national television and on community radios, with radio broadcasts translated into 14 different local languages.

