## TVET (TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING) FOR AGRICULTURE

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## AT A GLANCE

FUNDED BY: NORAD \$1,800,000

People Successfully Completed the Training Program: **408** 

> Vocational Course Topics Available: **9**

Field Day Participants: 690

Annual Produce from Model Farm: **700 tons** 





According to the World Bank, only 6 percent of the Mozambique workforce reaches the level of vocational or tertiary education. This causes a large employment recruitment gap for the agriculture sector, which drives many firms to bring in foreign labor. To address a critical need for locally trained staff, the TVET project established the Manica Agribusiness Center (MAC), a training center at the Instituto Superior Politécnica de Manica (ISPM) facilities in Manica province, Mozambique.

As well as providing technical, vocational and professional training to the agricultural sector – primarily agribusinesses in Manica province, but also to other stakeholders throughout the country such as staff from NGOs, government and other public sector organizations – the center also serves a critical role as a meeting, demonstration and information sharing point for the growing number of agribusinesses in the province.

In order to ensure that courses delivered by the center are in line with market demands, all of the courses are designed and delivered together with private sector partners, such as John Deere/Lonagro (tractor operator courses), Yara Fertilizers (crop nutrition courses), Terragro (drip irrigation systems), Phoenix Seeds, Syngenta, Klein Karoo and SEED Co. (seed companies) in addition to a range of other technical courses such as basic mechanical skills, pump maintenance, Climate Smart Agriculture principles and practices, pest management (e.g. the Fall Army Worm) and others.

## Main Objectives:

1. Increase the practical and technical capacities of the agricultural workforce through the completion of vocational training courses.

2. The establishment of a Model Farm, to serve as an educational/demonstration tool for the training center, as well as an additional source of income.



