

Feed the Future Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab Country Activity Brief - Mozambique 2023-2024

Introduction

The Feed the Future Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab (FSN-IL) is at the forefront of catalyzing the transformation of food systems to improve nutrition across diverse global contexts. Operating its activities in Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, and Nepal, FSN-IL collaborates with governments, research and academic institutions, private sector stakeholders, and development partners to address the unique challenges within each country's food system.

Through its closely interlinked domains of research for development (R4D), human and institutional capacity development, and stakeholder engagement, FSN-IL works to identify scalable solutions that address critical gaps in food systems, prioritizing improved access to nutrient-rich perishable foods, food safety, and reducing food loss and waste.

The country-specific update below offers a snapshot of FSN-IL's ongoing efforts to reduce food loss and waste, promote nutrient-dense diets, and accelerate the adoption and scaling of food systems innovations tailored to the broader context and needs of Mozambique.

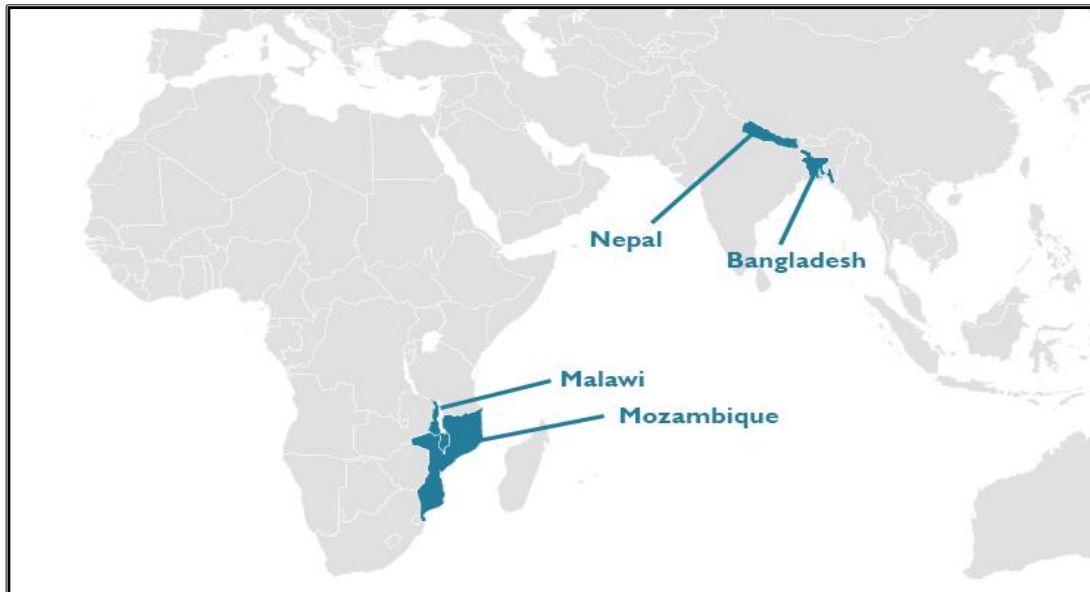


Figure 1: Map of FSN-IL Focus Countries

Mozambique Activity Brief | Key Highlights from FY2024

Scoping Visit | Mozambique | January 2024

In January 2024, FSN-IL conducted a scoping visit in Maputo and Nampula provinces in Mozambique. During the visit, FSN-IL engaged in one-on-one meetings with various stakeholders involved in food systems transformation in the country. These meetings identified potential collaborators for upcoming in-country workshops focusing on circular economy and scaling readiness. FSN-IL also held in-briefs with the USAID mission and met with key representatives from the government, academia, and the private sector, Mozambique Technical Secretariat for Food Security and

Nutrition (SETSAN), WFP Mozambique, and IITA, as well as USAID-funded programs such as PREMIER, RESINA, and SPEED in the Nampula province, and consortium partners GAIN, HKI, and NCBA/CLUSA in Maputo.

Circular Food Systems Workshop | Lilongwe, Malawi | 20-22 May 2024

In May 2024, FSN-IL, in collaboration with Thriving Solutions and ICRISAT, hosted a regional workshop on circular economy strategies in Lilongwe. The workshop brought together 34 participants from Malawi and Mozambique and focused on enhancing the capacity of stakeholders to implement circular economy concepts. This initiative aimed to promote sustainable outcomes in food systems and nutrition within the region.

FY2024 Competitive Award Selection and Final Approval | Planned

FSN-IL is engaged in an extensive co-creation process with two EOIs that were successfully selected through a competitive review.