MOZAMBIQUE

INTRODUCTION
Mozambique ended almost five centuries as a Portuguese colony when it gained independence in 1975. Large-scale emigration, economic dependence on South Africa, a severe drought, and a prolonged civil war hindered the country's development until the mid-1990s.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Filipe NYUSI
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Maputo
Legislature
unicameral Assembly of the Republic or Assembleia da Republica (250 seats)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
low-income East African economy; mostly rural labor force; natural resource rich; strong South African ties; Islamist terrorism in north endangers newly discovered natural gas; currently in court over massive (possibly unauthorized) debt
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $38.42 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $1,200 (2020 est.)
Industries - aluminum, petroleum products, chemicals (fertilizer, soap, paints), textiles, cement, glass, asbestos, tobacco, food
Agricultural products - sugarcane, cassava, maize, milk, bananas, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, rice, sorghum, potatoes
Exports $4.35 billion (2020 est.)
coal, aluminum, natural gas, tobacco, electricity, gold, lumber (2019)
partners: South Africa 16%, India 13%, China 12%, Italy 7%, UAE 5%, Germany 5% (2019)
Imports $8.38 billion (2020 est.)
refined petroleum, chromium, iron, bauxite, electricity (2019)
partners: South Africa 31%, India 18%, China 17% (2019)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 799,380 sq km
Land: 786,380 sq km
Water: 13,000 sq km
Climate
tropical to subtropical
Natural Resources
coal, titanium, natural gas, hydropower, tantalum, graphite

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
30.9 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
2.58% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
African 99%, mestizo 0.8%, other (Europe, Asia) 0.2%, (2017 est.)
Language
Makhuwa 26.1%, Portuguese (official) 16.6%, Tsonga 8.6%, Nyanja 8.1, Sena 7.1%, Lomwe 7.1%, Chiwabo 4.7%, Ndua 3.8%, Tswana 3.8%, other Mozambican languages 11.8%, other 0.5%, unspecified 1.8% (2017 est.)
Religion
Roman Catholic 27.2%, Muslim 18.9%, Zionist Christian 15.6%, Evangelical/Pentecostal 15.3%, Anglican 1.7%, other 4.8%, none 13.9%, unspecified 2.5% (2017 est.)

as of October 2021