

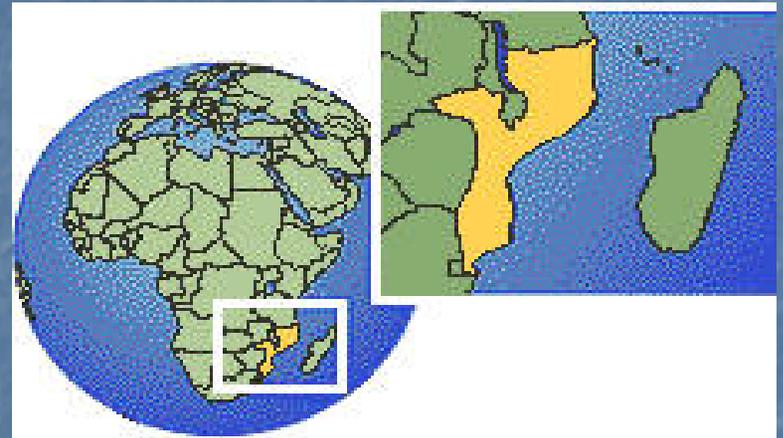
# Life Expectancy in Mozambique

What actions can be taken?

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# Background

- Population: 18,644,000
- Former Portuguese colony
- Presidential Republic
- Long history of civil war
- Farming is largest employment opportunity



# Previous Actions Affecting Life Expectancy

- Increased political stability encouraged foreign investment which helps the economy
- Some health education programs in place helps inform people about disease prevention
- Mosquito nets provided by aid agencies to help prevent malaria outbreaks

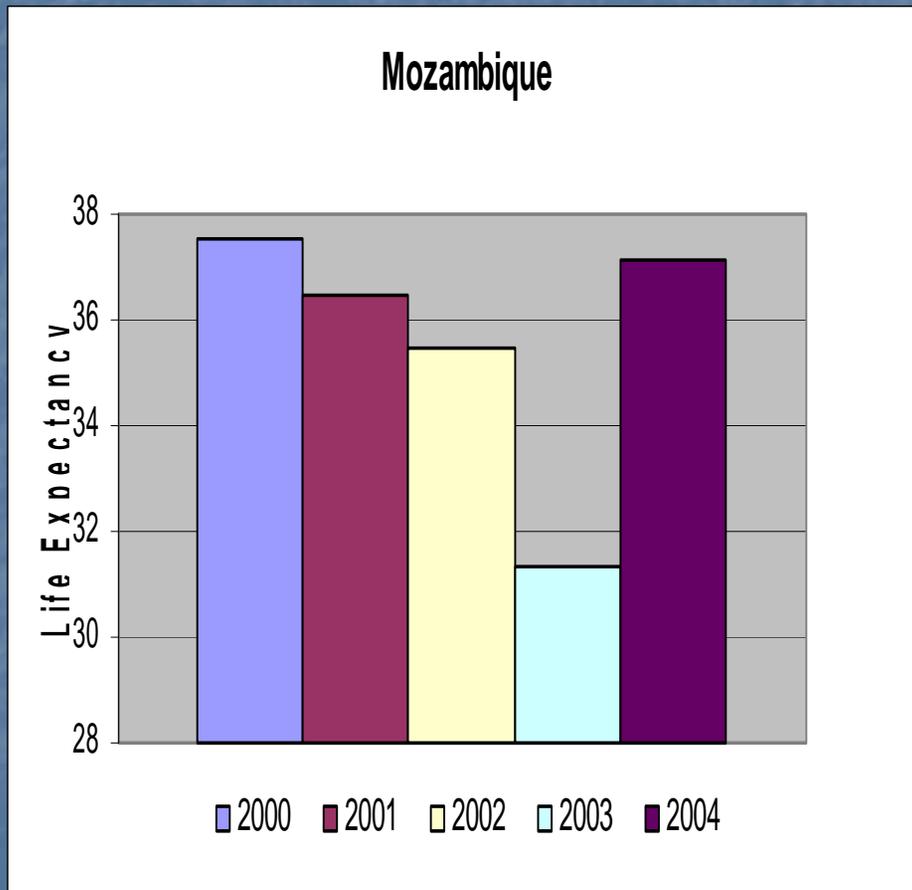
# From My Epal in Mozambique

- *"It was so sad when my little cousin died. He was only 8 months old. He had a fever for a long time, and the family lived too far from the hospital."*

# Issues Affecting Life Expectancy

- Infant mortality rate: 139 per 1,000 live births
- HIV/AIDS rate: 15%
- Unemployment rate: 21%
- Safe drinking water availability: 57%
- Poverty rate: 70%
- Literacy of total population: 47.8%
- Severe weather: droughts and floods

# Historical Life Expectancy Data



**Year**      **LE**

- 2000: 37.52
- 2001: 36.45
- 2002: 35.46
- 2003: 31.30
- 2004: 37.10

# Action Plan

## Problems

- Poor medical care for pregnant women and infants; high infant mortality rate
- HIV/AIDS: 15% of adults HIV+; 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS; little access to education and medication
- Severe weather and natural disasters causes shortages of food and poor drinking water
- 70% of population lives in poverty; 21% of population is unemployed

## Possible Solutions

- Provide nutrition and family planning classes; train health workers to immunize children
- Drug companies could donate drugs so those suffering from HIV/AIDS would have greater access to them
- Help farmers change crops, improve local diets; build sanitation facilities
- Develop new industries; train and support entrepreneurs; offer free literacy classes

# How does where we live influence how we live?

- Many aspects of your life are affected by where you live, including:
  - What type of education you receive
  - If you can get medical attention easily
  - What kinds of jobs are available
  - How long you might live

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