PEACE CORPS: QUICK BACKGROUND

- March 1, 1961 by JFK
- 64 Countries currently being served
- Education, Health, Community Economic Development, Youth Development, Environment, Agriculture, PC Response
- Currently serving 6,818

Three key goals of Peace Corps:
1] To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women
2] To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served
3] To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans

Source: http://www.peacecorps.gov/about/fastfacts/
PEACE CORPS: MOZAMBIQUE

- Health/Education
- Started in 1998 with Education
- Health in 2004
- 211 volunteers currently serving

**Goal 1:** Community members will adopt healthy behaviors and practices to decrease the spread of HIV.

**Goal 2:** Community members will adopt behaviors to mitigate the harmful effects of HIV.

**Goal 3:** Community members will adopt behaviors and practices that lead to a decrease in morbidity and mortality due to malaria.

**Goal 4:** Community organizations will be strengthened which in turn serve to improve the health of their communities.
MOZAMBIQUE
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- 1975... gained independence from Portugal
- Civil War from Independence until 1991
- 10 provinces, Maputo City
- Current President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi
- Population: 25 million
- < 2 x’s the size of California
- Official Language: Portuguese
- Over 30 local dialects spoken throughout the country
INHAMBANE: “TERRA DA BOA GENTE”

A minha casa!!!
LIFE AS A HEALTH VOLUNTEER

• Malaria/ HIV/ Capacity Building
• CBO development
  – Associação Kurula
  – Associação Kulhaissa
  – Educadores de Pares
  – Rede Pastoral
• Community Events
CAPACITY BUILDING IN ORGS

• Grant Writing/ Project Planning and Development Seminars
• Fruit Drying/Moringa
• Malaria Training
• Feasibility Study
• Email Account/Use
• Statistics
HIV/AIDS

- Educadores de Pares
- Nutrition Lessons with Pregnant and Nursing moms/ Cha Positiva
- Nutrition Quick Guide
- GAAC groups [grupos de adesão e apoio comunitários]/Vivir Positivamente
- Testing/Counseling Center/Volunteer Training
- Mural in Pembe
HIV/MALARIA PREVENTION MURAL
WORLD AIDS DAY
MALARIA

- World Malaria Day[s]
- Stomp Out Malaria
- Grassroot Soccer
- Malaria Days at the Biblioteca Infantil
- Malaria Murals [Pembe/Homoine Sede]
- Resources to other PCVs
  - Surveys in local language, community mural guide, games and pledges.
MALARIA
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MORINGA GARDENS

- 5 sites in the district: Homoine Sede, Chinjingure, Mayaisi, Inhamangua and Maxamal
- Goal- To improve access to Moringa and other fruits and veggies for patients and community members in need.
- Collaboration between local agriculture unit, health posts, local leaders, community members and activists
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PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES

• Biostatistics
• Environmental Health Sciences
• Epidemiology
• Health Policy and Management
• Social and Behavioral Sciences
• Public Health Biology
COMMUNITY LIFE

• JUNTOS/REDES
  – Jovens Unidos no trabalho para Opportunidades e Succesos
  – Raparigas em Desenvolvimento, Educação e Saúde
COMMUNITY LIFE
FAMILY LIFE
VIDEO PROJECTS

Mozambican Women’s Day

Palmira’s Movie

Link to Mozambican Women Video Series
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlKA9Cy3QLOjALDNPpbIifFbvfNsUklQ4w
OBRIGADA!!
NDZI BUNGILE!!
THANKS!!

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