



Health workers' competencies

Day 2 ECD-specific interventions in the health sector

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Country Profile: Key Demographic and Health Indicators

Population: 34.090 million (2025)

Population (0-4 years): 17% = 5.8 million children (2025)

Infant mortality rate: 39/1000 LB* (2022-23)

Mortality rate at < 5 years/1,000 LB: 60 (2022-23)

Neontal mortality rate/1000LB: 24 (2022-23)

NUTRITIONAL PROFILE

Chronic malnutrition (under 5 years): 37% * with large differences by province, mother's education and income.

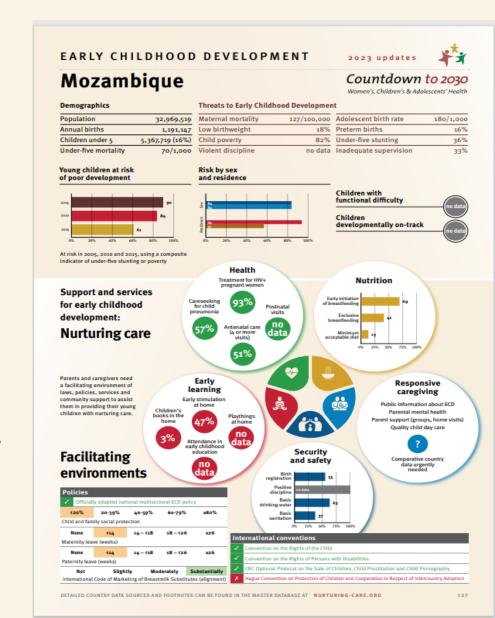
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-6 months): 55.5%*

Children 6–23 months receiving a minimum acceptable diet – 5%*

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Development on track – 39% of children aged 24–59 months are on track in terms of health, learning and psychosocial well-being; 40% of girls and 38% of boys.

Children with functional impairment – 5.4% of Children aged 2-4 years with functional impairments in at least one of the following domains: seeing, hearing, fine motor skills, communication, learning, playing and controlling behavior. *



*DHS: 2022/23

BACKGROUND

MOH in collaboration with partners are implementing initiatives to support promotion child development, parents & caregivers:

- 1. Integrating child development and maternal mental health into routine health care services.
- This initiative focuses on supporting families through existing health systems by promoting ECD and maternal mental health.

Key areas include:

- Enhancing counselling during antenatal and postnatal visits
- Introducing playbox sessions in a health facility waiting areas)
- Strengthening capacity for health workers on promoting ECD
- 2. Screening child development delays and deficiency using different tools.



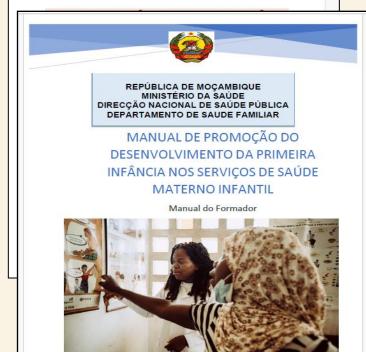


WORKFORCE CAPACITY BUILDING ON ECD

- 1. Training manual for the administration of the child development assessment tool, MDAT_IDEC.
- 2. Training Manual for the promotion of ECD in maternal and child health and nutrition services.
- 3. Nutrition Intervention Training Package (PIN package)







1. Tool for Monitoring the Development and Disability of Children (0-5 years, MDAT-IDEC)

In 2022, the Ministry of Health started using the MDAT tool to assess the development of children under 5 years old.

The Malawi Development Assessment Tool (MDAT, redefined by MOH)

The instrument includes four domains: Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Language, and Social



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The Training Program

The training package consists of:

- a Manual for the facilitator and a Manual for the participant;
- A pack of power-point presentations (16 UD),
- Kit of items (10) for administration of the MDAT IDEC tool;
- Duration of training: 3 days, 2 days of practice at the HU
- Responsible for implementation (nurses, Midwifes, technician nutritionist);
- Support: Partners(UNICEF, Advancing nutrition/USAID)
- Monitoring at all levels: National, provincial and district (SMI and nutrition).
- Monitoring is done through the monitoring of quarterly HIS-SISMA data, in the year 2024 the following were tracked: 977.760, and deteted with possible ADPM according to the tool 6887.

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REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE MINISTÉRIO DA SAÚDE DIRECÇÃO NACIONAL DE SAÚDE PÚBLICA	
Manual de Formação para administração da Ferramenta para a Monitoria do Desenvolvimento das crianças dos 0 aos 5 anos em Moçambique : MDAT-IDEC MOÇAMBIQUE	MANUAL DO FACILITADOR

https://lnkd.in/eM9eKWRn

Development and implementation process – MDAT-IDEC



OCT/ 2023

- 301 Provincial training (implementers) -

- 4 Provinces
- 39 Districts

May-Sept2023

Pilot in Zambezia (5US)

- 84 - Training of National (regional) trainers



2024

- Provincial training (implementers) (83) 2025

Follow-up/ post-training mentoring of trainees (87)

Data monitoring and follow-up, expansion to 12 more US





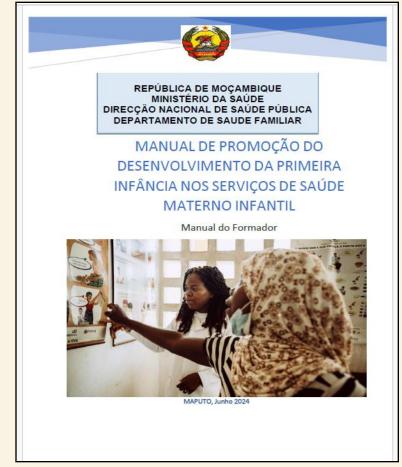
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Adaptation of do MDAT-IDEC from Malawi Training package – GT/DPI

2. Manual on ECD PROMOTION AT MCH and nutrition SERVICES in the HF

- This manual was finalized in 2024, as recommendations from a pilot and a study conducted at Monapo HCD.
- It contains specific actions on the promotion of ECD in each service provided at the SMI level and nutrition at PHC such as Antenatal, maternity ward and postnatal care, GMP and Nutrition services, Sick and risk child services and Waiting rooms.
- Objective: Integrating child development and maternal mental health promotion into routine health care services.

The package can be found at the Mozambique ECDE Knowledge Hub: https://pathecd.org/que contem o manual incluindo vídeos e cartazes no pacote.



PATH provided technical support in adapting the package from the global Care for Child Development package (WHO, UNICEF, 2012), and from health sector experiences in Kenya and Tanzania.

Examples of job aids materials included in the manual













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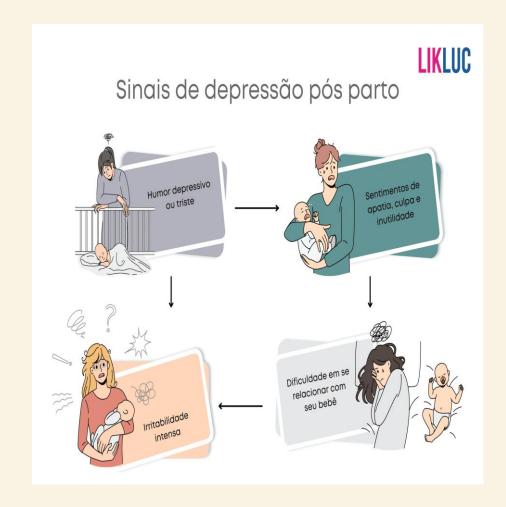
- a Manual for the facilitator and a Manual for the participant;
- A pack of power-point presentations 5 UD (ANC, Maternity ward, Post natal, well being and risk child consultation and nutrition).
- Duration of training: 5 days, 2 days of practice at the HU.
- This package can be done separately in each touch point at HF and de HW knows the action that can be taken to ensure that is delivering ECD promotions.
- Responsible for implementation (nurses, Midwifes, technical nutritionist
- Who will be reached: Pregnant Women, Child <5 years, Adolescent mothers and families (included Fathers)
- Responsible for implementation: (Nurses, Midwifes, nutrition Technical)





CPN/CPP - MATERNAL DEPRESSION SCREENING

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3. Dificuldade para pegar ou dormir mais do que	no sono ou permanecer dormindo, de costume	0	1	2	3		
4. Se sentir cansado/a o	u com pouca energia	0	1	2	3		
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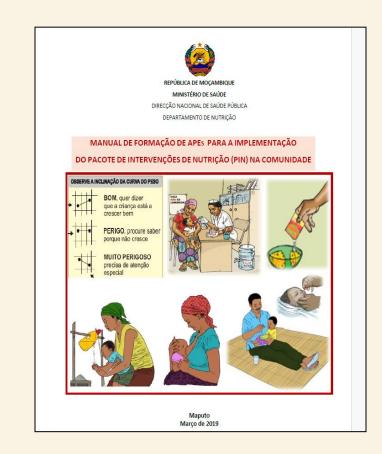


3. Nutrition Intervention Training Package (PIN package) - Community

Objective - To improve access, coverage and quality of nutrition and ECD interventions provided in communities and Health Facilities (HU), aimed at children aged 0 to 23 months at the community level.

This material is divided into two

- 1. **Community Counseling** Addresses hygiene and sanitation, balanced diet, health care, infant feeding, promotion of responsive eating and stimulation.
- 2. **Service Provision Support** Includes growth monitoring, Vitamin A supplementation, deworming, and Multimicronutrient Powder (MNP) supplementation.



The Training Program

- A Manual for the facilitator and a Manual for the participant and a pack of couseling cards to conduct Counselling sessions at Community level
- The package has six sessions
- Duration of training: 4 days, 1 day of practice at the HF.
- This package is implemented at Nutrition sites (community level).
- Responsible for implementation (Community Health Workers).
- Who will be reached: Pregnant and lactating Women, Child <2 years,
 Adolescent mothers and families (included Fathers).
- Responsible for implementation: (Nutrition and CHW's Supervisors).
- Support: UNICEF, World Bank
- Monitoring at all levels: Nutrition and CHW focal points
- Data Monitoring: Monitoring is done every month at community level and every quarter at district level. SISMA DATA





ECD Interventions in the PIN and coverage

Community Health Workers and Vollunteers in PIN do: Promotion of stimulation from pregnancy;

- Counseling and promotion of stimulation at home by parents;
- Monitoring of development milestones in the community;
- Promotion of responsive eating and stimulation;
- **Creating Play Spaces**

Coverage

- Trained 5953 (70.8%) CHW in a total of 8408 of available CHW.
- Were reached 25% of children with PIN complete.





PROGRESS AND SCALE UP PLAN

- Continue to train and monitoring providers in the MDAT-IDEC package;
- Train providers in the ECD promotion training package in ESMI services, including monitoring and definition of follow-up indicators in the routine.
- MDAT –IDEC. Finalize a follow-up package for ADPM (early interventions).
- Coordination and expansion of the PIN, including its constant monitoring and mentoring/supervision.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Initiative accepted by providers increases the level of ADPM screening and early identification of disabilities for their referral of care.
- Existence of a technical group of ECD and IYCF to validate the materials.

CHALLENGES

- HW and CHW Availability of work material and supplies.
- Data Quality
- Counselling skills of CHW
- Limited Geographical coverage
- Evaluation MDAT e PIN intervention
- Infrastructures at HF for service provision(privacity)
- Funds limitation VS lack of partners
- Lack of funds to implement ECD health sector plan

OPPORTUNITIES

- Population's acceptability of health services
- Review MNCH of registration tools for data inclusion
- Evaluation of the integration of ECD in Primary Health Care
- Inclusion of play and stimulation indicators on PIN
- Inclusion of Nurturing care interventions at IYCF Counseling package

Thank you Kanimambo Obrigada



