

# CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE PROMOTION (PROMAC)

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FARMERS TRAINED IN CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE:

30,138

LAND TITLES ACQUIRED:

539

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION AS LEAD FARMERS:

71%

## PROMAC

The goal of this project is to contribute to the long-term sustainable increase of food security and farmer incomes in Mozambique through the adoption of **conservation agriculture** (CA) practices. PROMAC emphasizes women's participation in all program aspects, including supporting land tenure resolution through land registration; providing literacy, numeracy, health and nutrition training; and improving value-chain efficiency through the organization of farmers into formal and informal groups.

PROMAC activities work to support the farmer and the farm through:

- Demo Plots** - to demonstrate CA practices
- Lead Farmers** - to train others on CA practices
- Lead Farmer Bicycles** - to provide technical assistance in their communities
- Farmer Field Days** - information dissemination events
- EBAF Functional Literacy/Numeracy Trainers** - focussing on women, with nutrition and hygiene components
- DUAT Land titling/Registration**
- Business Development** - business plans, warehouse and stock management



Mr. Mufana and his wife show the maize they harvested with CA (72 kgs) compared with traditional practices (41 kgs).

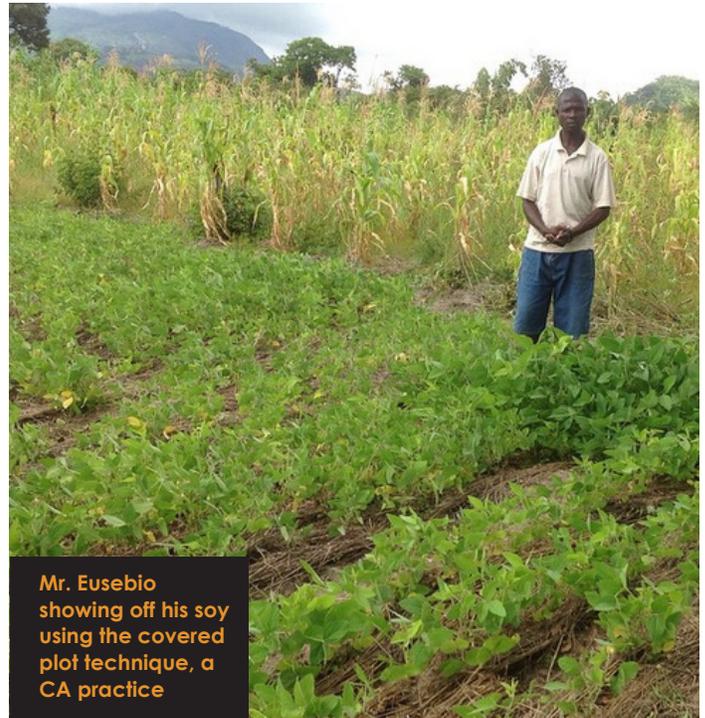
## IMPACT: LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Getting farmers to adopt new agriculture practices, and thereby improve yields and impact food insecurity only works if farmers can see the impact for themselves. This is exactly what happened to get Mr. Eusebio to try the conservation agriculture techniques on his farm.

Mr. Eusebio invited us to come see his plot, where he plants soy, maize and beans. Mr. Eusebio began experimenting with conservation agriculture after attending a field training day hosted by one of NCBA CLUSA PROMAC's Lead Farmers.

After seeing the difference for himself, he began using conservation agriculture on his own plots. Techniques like soil cover, adequate seed spacing and others help protect the plots from torrential rains, create healthier soil that can withstand drought and produce more yield. On average, yield increases have been 60% or higher.

Mr. Eusebio owns 5 hectares in which he produces soy, maize and beans and he said he hopes to expand conservation agriculture practices to his entire production area.



Mr. Eusebio showing off his soy using the covered plot technique, a CA practice

Lead farmers, 71 percent of whom are women, and demo plots have been instrumental in demonstrating the practical usefulness of new agriculture techniques. Beyond increased yields, farmers are also earning more off their land through applying for land titles, and receiving business training and numeracy skills so they can better access markets.

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