

# WORLD BANK GROUP









# ROADS FOR WATER IN MOZAMBIQUE:

# OPPORTUNITIES AND REALITIES

# Roads in Mozambique

#### 32,700 kilometer of roads

- 5000 km class 1
- 5000 km class 2
- 12,700 km class 3
- 10,000 unclassified (incl urban)

Only 24% of population within 2 km of all weather road 80% non-paved

Challenge of funding maintenance

Only (max) 56% of rural roads in good condition

Compounded by lack of appropriate building material (Red Sands)



#### CHALLENGES

#### Erosion



#### Floods



#### Droughts

# Climate change: Mozambique

36th most vulnerable country

- 142th in preparedness (out of 178 countries)
- Temperature increase in past decades and expected to continue (1-4 degrees)
- More flood peaks (25%)
- More rain in heavy rainfall events (10%)
- Less rain in central and south (-3.1%)
- Rain onset delayed

Expected reduction in yields: maize (-25%); cassave (-2%), sorghum (-17%)

# Roads for water in Mozambique: opportunities

- 1. Dealing with droughts:
  - Converting/ using borrow pits
  - Connect trenches to farm land
  - Drifts as sand dams
  - Water bars to control sedimentation and damage
  - Other water harvesting and water spreading measures
- 2. Dealing with floods
  - Better management of floods
    - Controlled overflows
  - Management of flood plains
    - Active versus non active flood plains
    - Bed sills of crossdrainage structures
  - Using floods for productive use
    - Roads as flood spreading weir
- 3. Dealing with erosion

# 1. DEALING WITH DROUGHTS

## 1a. Converting borrow pits



### 1b. Connecting trenches to land



# 1c. Using series of (concrete) water bars on (soft) feeder roads to take water to the land

Reliable cross drain for low standard roads

Used to drain roads having grades between 3 and 15%

Function: collect surface runoff from the roadway and/or road ditch and direct the flow across and away from the roadway

Can feed local road waterharvesting and incentive local maintenance







### 1d. Road drifts and crossings for water storage









#### 1e. Other harvesting water from road



# 2. DEALING WITH FLOODS



### 2a. Roads for flood management

Example from Orissa, India





### 2b. Roads managing flood plains



### 2c. Harvesting flood water for productive use





# Many things can be done along each road

#### Chowne - Mabalane

Transect = 62 Km

Legend

1 Road damage 2 Road washed away **3** Floodplains 4 Deep borrow pits **5 Water logging** between road and railway 6 Filled borrow pit 7 Culvert pond 8 Culvert at lower level **9 Shallow borrow** pit



# What next

What is most promising?

How to take it forward?

How to use existing opportunities to make quick starts?

How to cooperate?