

Mozambique

Population

25,930,150 (2/3rds of the population are 24 years old or younger)

Land Area

309,496 sq. mi (almost 2x the size of California)

Capital

Maputo

Religions

- Roman Catholic 28.4%
- None Religious 18.7%
- Muslim 17.9%
- Zionist Christian 15.5%
- Pentecostal 10.9%
- Other 6.7%
- Anglican 1.3%
- Unspecified 0.7%

Independent Baptist Missionaries in the country

- 2 (Not including us)

Languages

Official

- Portuguese is the official and most widely spoken language of the nation, spoken by 50.3% of the population.
- 10.7% Mozambicans speak Portuguese as their first language.
- 4 Portuguese Creoles
- Portuguese Pidgins
- Mozambican Sign Language

38 Tribal languages are spoken throughout the country.

- Barwe
- Chewa
- Chopi
- Chuwabu

- Dema
- Kimwani
- Kokola
- Koti
- Kunda
- Lomwe
- Maindo
- Makhuwa
- Makonde
- Makwe
- Manyawa
- Manyika
- Marenje
- Nathembo
- Ndau
- Ngoni
- Nsenga
- Nyanja
- Nyungwe
- Phimbi
- Ronga
- Sena
- Shangaan (Tsonga)
- Shimakonde
- Shona
- Swahili
- Swazi
- Takwane
- Tawara
- Tewe
- Tonga
- Tswa
- Yao
- Zulu

Other Foreign Languages

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Gujarati

Government Type

Presidential Republic (Controversial)

Flag

- Green represents the riches of the land
- White peace
- Black the African continent
- Yellow the country's minerals
- Red the struggle for independence
- The rifle is symbolic of defence and vigilance
- The hoe refers to the country's agriculture
- The open book stresses the importance of education
- The star represents Marxism and internationalism

Coat of Arms

- the corn stalk and the sugar cane represent agricultural wealth
- the cog wheel represents labour and industry
- the book represents education
- the hoe for "peasantry and agriculture production"
- the AK-47 for "defense and vigilance"
- the red star represents socialism, but is quoted in the Mozambican constitution to "symbolize the spirit of international solidarity of the Mozambican people".
- the red sun symbolizes the building of a new life

National Anthem

"Pátria Amada"

English: Beloved Homeland