

Adolescents'
Well-being in Mozambique:
Research, Policy and Practice
QUELIMANE, MOZAMBIQUE

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IN COLLABORATION WITH:



CONFERENCE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

The international conference on evidence for children, adolescents and families in Mozambique aims to bring together scholars and policy practitioners to share innovative approaches and lessons learned, inform policy and stimulate national debate on critical issues of children and adolescents in the country. Thus, the conference will:

- provide an interdisciplinary platform for exchange with a focus on innovation, trends, practical challenges and identified solutions,
- help to contextualise the recent global research and evidence in relation to the country's recent socioeconomic development,
- facilitate the sharing of findings of research undertaken by international scholars in Mozambique so that the evidence generated is returned to the country, and
- strengthen the relationship between research and policy making in the area of social policy and services for children and adolescents in Mozambique.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Early career and leading researchers as well as policy practitioners are invited to apply for individual, thematic, panel and poster presentations on the following themes:

- ECD and pre-school education
- child health (childhood diseases and HIV / AIDS)
- child nutrition
- child protection policies
- · urbanization and child friendly cities
- · water and sanitation
- ethics and research with children
- · child well-being in the context of culture and norms
- child poverty
- public finance for children

Additional panel topics can be proposed.

Applicants will be asked to specify the format of chosen presentation on the application form. Contributions should represent original research at the stage of completion or finalisation of results. Papers that present ongoing or planned research with particularly innovative methodological approaches will also be considered.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

The conference is intended for researchers and practitioners from the academic, government, and development communities. Female and Mozambique participants are encouraged to apply. The conference will be held in English and Portuguese. Simultaneous translation will be available.

Interested participants should complete the online application form which can be found here https://goo. gl/1qrior submitting an extended abstract of no more than 500 words, related to one of the above conference themes. The abstract should include the research question that will be addressed, the main methods and data utilized, main or anticipated findings, and policy implications of the research.

IMPORTANT DATES:

1 June Deadline for submitting abstracts or panels

8 June Confirmation of accepted papers

10 October PowerPoint presentations to be submitted

to the Secretary

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

All submitted conference papers will be blind peer reviewed, and the best ones will be considered for publication in the UNICEF Mozambique Working Paper series in a format determined by organizers.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND TRAVEL GRANT

Conference organizers will cover the cost of accommodation and meals during the conference period for one registered core presenter per accepted paper.

The selection committee also will reward up to ten of the best papers submitted by doctoral students and early career researchers (enrolled in postdoctoral programs) from Mozambique, and five from international researchers in the form of a travel grant covering travel expenses to and from Quelimane, Mozambique, subject to UN procedures. Preference will be given to early career researchers from developing countries. At least 50% of the grants will be secured for female presenters.

Selection criteria for the best papers include:

- · conceptual clarity,
- innovation, and
- policy relevance

There is no conference fee, but registration for the conference will be required. Further instructions on conference registration will be sent to all selected presenters.

CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

The conference is organized under the auspice of UNICEF Mozambique and Universidade Pedagógica Quelimane in collaboration with other universities and research centres.

Conference Chairs:

- · Andrea Rossi, UNICEF
- Dulce Pereia, Universidade Pedagógica Quelimane

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