
Advocacy toolkit case studies

FOOD SECURITY AND HIV IN MOZAMBIQUE

THEMES:	Food security HIV
ADVOCACY APPROACHES:	Building relationships Educating community members Government officials: lobbying

Many people in Mozambique are living below the poverty line and do not have guaranteed food security. Natural hazards, such as widespread flooding, compound the problem, particularly among people living with HIV. This was an issue that concerned Rede Cristã, a network of Christian NGOs and churches in Mozambique and one of Tearfund's partners.

Over several years, members of Rede Cristã developed relationships with officials in all the departments of the Mozambique government that were concerned about HIV. Together, they lobbied and helped draft a law setting out the rights of people living with HIV to adequate food supplies and levels of nutrition. After the law was passed, they worked closely with their church members to ensure the law was implemented – by raising awareness of its existence with people living with HIV, by encouraging local churches to take more responsibility in caring for people affected by HIV, and by facilitating connections between local authority officials and members of churches and communities affected by HIV.