



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Committee of Experts on Immunization (CoPI)

First Meeting

Maputo, 26 to 28 April 2011.

Call R005/01/2011

Appeal

The CoPI believes that the Millennium Goals were developed as part of an integrated approach in a context of partnership between donor countries, funding institutions and recipient countries.

The CoPI also believes that the Millennium Goals are important objectives for the developing countries and for Mozambique. To achieve the Millennium Development Goal number four (4), is an obligation of the health sector with the support of its partners.

In this context, the interventions in the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) play an important role. Thus, it is essential to consolidate and improve the performance of this program so that the Mozambican children and adolescents can benefit from all the vaccines already licensed as recommended by the Global Immunization Vision and Strategy (GIVS, 2006-2015) approved by the World Health Assembly.

The CoPI recognizes that the international financial environment is now complex and unfavourable, but also reaffirms that the commitment of the funding institutions is very important so that these goals become a reality; and notes with great concern that these commitments were not always honored, as the funding agencies have recognized themselves.

The current infant and under-fives mortality rates are unacceptable. However, the correct implementation of all recommendations made by the COPI during its first meeting may lead to significant improvements of these two indicators, enabling our country to achieve the Millennium Development Goal number 4. However, the attainment of this goal through the implementation of our recommendations is subject to effective and timely provision of financial support.

Therefore, we appeal to all financial institutions, development agencies, bilateral and multilateral partners to honor their commitments in achieving the financial targets of the Millennium.

Maputo, April 28, 2011