



**Statement from the Representative of the Republic of Mozambique at the
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Poliomyelitis**

Mozambique aligns itself with the statement delivered by Lesotho on behalf of the 47 African member states.

In 2021 Mozambique had an outbreak of wild poliovirus type 1 and from both circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 and 2.

Between 2022 and 2024 Mozambique carried out 11 immunization rounds, used over 100 million vaccine doses and reached out 23 million children. To overcome challenges in armed conflicts zones and among displaced population Army Health workers complemented the civilian teams. Fortunately in May 2024 was declared free from wild poliovirus type 1.

Mozambique is grateful to WHO, headquarters, particularly regional and country offices and to Global Polio Eradication Initiative. And Because diseases have no borders we also acknowledge the coordination and complementarity of interventions between Mozambique and neighboring countries contributed to the successful campaigns.

We would like to underline that availability of vaccines and other medical supplies and transportation means, are crucial to reach the children at highest risk of zero vaccine dose in remote communities. Therefore ensuring WHO and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative funding is vital to deliver accordingly and enhance national capacities toward poliomyelitis eradication.

In this time of crisis we stand with WHO in identification of innovative funding sources and mechanism and strengthen of whole community, whole society and whole government approach for polio successfully vaccinations campaigns.

To conclude we thank the extension of the strategy for wild polio virus type 1 eradication to 2027 and the elimination of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 to the end of 2029 and its corresponding multi-year budget for 2022–2029 approved by the Polio Oversight Board in October 2024. This is a very important decision and shall be implemented to allow countries to improve immunization coverage and contribute to polio eradication.

Mozambique is strongly committed toward poliomyelitis Eradication.

Thank you

Mrs./Madame chair