

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE 2040
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Construction of infrastructure and irrigation resources

PIISA–STP Opportunity

The national assessment (STUDI International, 2018) revealed abundant water resources but poor mobilization and infrastructure. São Tomé and Príncipe faces severe deficits in the north and agriculture that is vulnerable to the dry season.

Main problems:

- Rural poverty (66%) and food dependency >70%
- Institutional inadequacy and lack of a legal framework for irrigation
- Soil erosion and degradation
- Weak associations and poor maintenance of existing systems



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The project

General goal

Strengthen agricultural resilience and productivity based on the efficient mobilization of water resources.

Key actions:

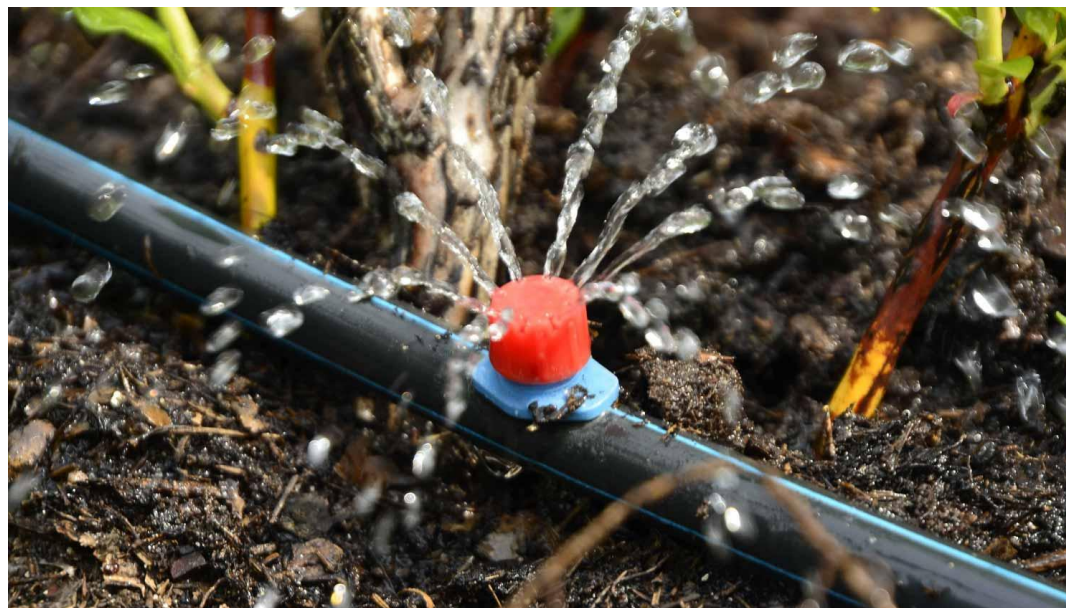
- Construction/rehabilitation of structures at six water mobilization sites (dams, water intakes, and reservoirs)
- Drip and sprinkler irrigation networks, aligned with water-saving systems
- Drainage and bank protection plans
- Institutional capacity building and creation of Local Water Management Committees (CLGA)
- Implementation of climate-smart agricultural practices



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Expected impact

- Total investment: €107.3 million
- Expected results:
 - Up to 2,150 ha irrigated and production increased
 - 40% reduction in seasonal losses
 - Inclusion of 10,000 direct beneficiaries
 - Improvement in national food security



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Maturity level

- Complete technical diagnoses (STUDI 2018) and defined territorial priorities are in place
- The project is ready for detailed engineering studies and EIA/SAI

Schedule:

- 2025: Institutional preparation, updating of studies, and contracting
- 2026–2028: Execution of priority construction projects (Manuel Jorge, Godo, and Bacharel)
- 2029–2032: Expansion and reinforcement of management and maintenance
- 2033–2035: Consolidation and final audit



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Promoters and funders

Institutional structure

- Supervision: Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Fisheries (MADR)
- Execution: Implementation unit linked to the MADR's water unit
- Coordination: Interministerial commission involving Agriculture, Environment, Finance, Infrastructure, and the Autonomous Region of Príncipe
- Local management: Creation of Local Water Management Committees (CLGA) and agricultural cooperatives
- Technical partners: FAO, IFAD, AfDB/GEF, EU, and bilateral cooperation.

Funders

- Government
- Multilateral (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IFAD, African Development Bank, Global Environment Facility)
- European Union (EU) / bilateral
- Public-private partnership (PPP)
- Private sector / cooperatives

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Key conditions

Types of partnership

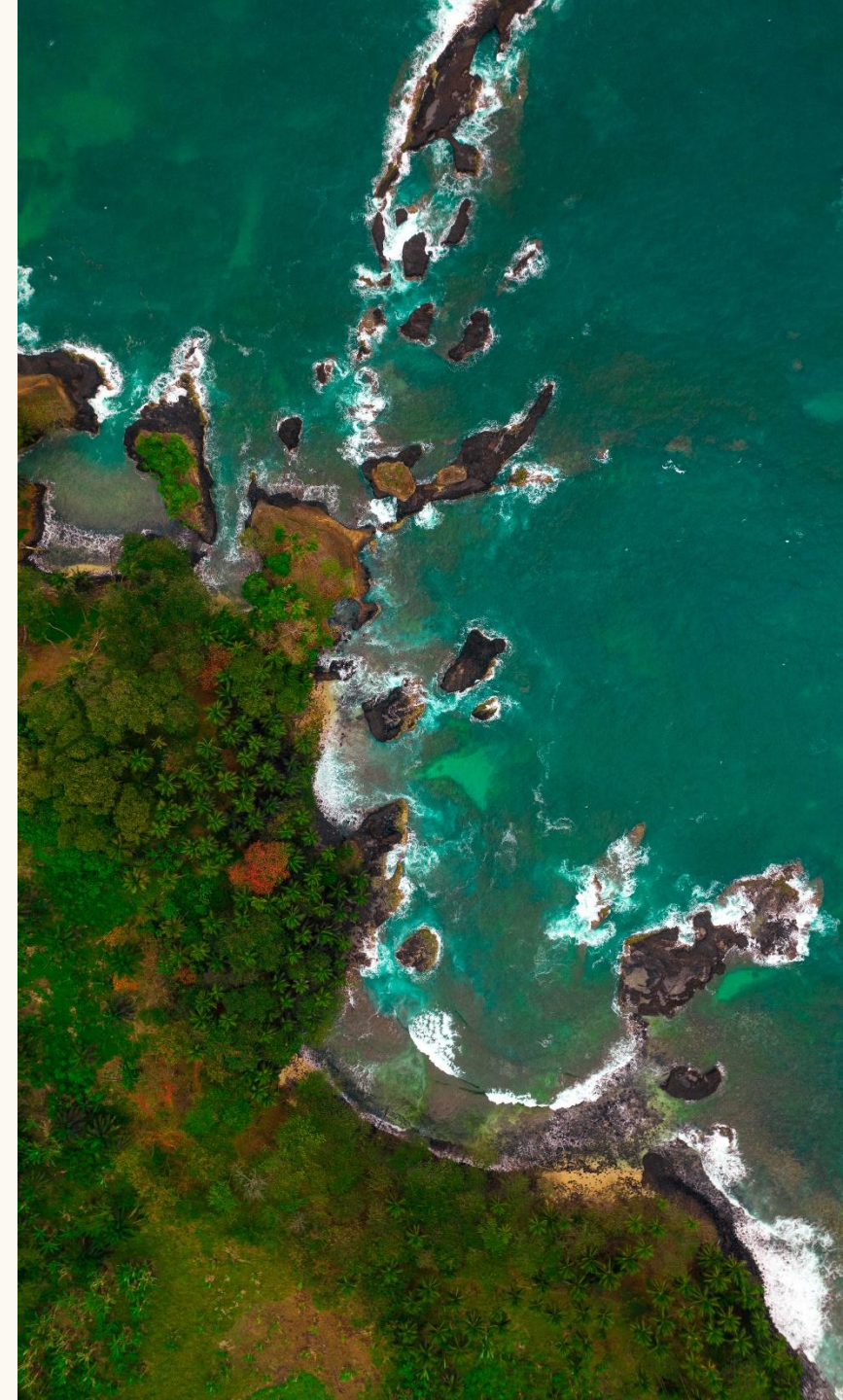
- PPP (10–15 years) for operation and maintenance
- Blended Finance with GEF/GCF funds and private capital
- Direct investment (equity) in irrigated agribusiness
- Green financing (Green/Blue Bonds)
- National Irrigation Fund for ongoing rehabilitation

Investment Incentives

- Tax and customs exemptions
- Access to agricultural concessions
- Sovereign guarantees and public co-financing (15%)
- Eligibility for climate and carbon funds



With an estimated investment of €107.3 million, supported by public, private, and multilateral financing, **PIISA-STP** combines hydraulic engineering, community management, technical training, and institutional strengthening to enhance national food security and boost rural economies. The project will generate 3,000 direct jobs, train 500 technicians and farmers, and establish lasting legal and institutional foundations for irrigation management. This is a structuring project for the climate resilience and food sovereignty of São Tomé and Príncipe, converting water abundance into productivity, income, and economic stability.



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