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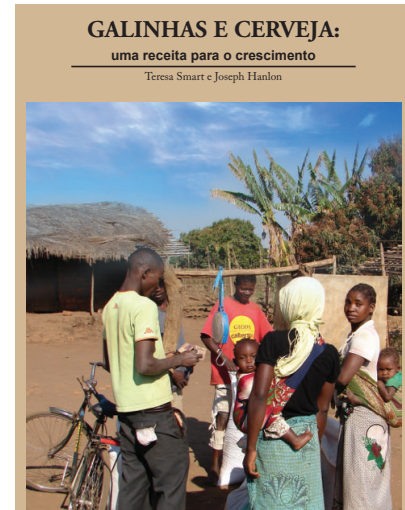
## Book launch: Maputo & Nampula

### Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento

by Teresa Smart and Joseph Hanlon  
(in Portuguese only)

**Maputo:** Wednesday 30 July, 17.30, Museu de Historia Natural,

**Nampula:** Thursday 14 August, 15.00, UniLurio



## Settlement close? Will military follow the election model?

There are widespread reports that a settlement is close in the negotiations between Renamo and the government on the most difficult issue of the military. Renamo is now proposing something very similar to what was agreed on elections - that there should be Renamo deputies to the senior people already in post and who were appointed by Frelimo government.

Military negotiations seem to have followed the same pattern as those over elections. First Renamo demanded "parity" - equality between Frelimo and Renamo at all levels. Then it stepped back to demanding heads of units. Finally, it accepted deputy directors and the ability to name people to a large number of posts.

This structure satisfies four needs of Renamo:

- 1) these posts are in the gift of Afonso Dhlakama and the Renamo senior leadership which solidifies their status as chiefs,
- 2) these posts are largely sinecures which provide salaries and status without requiring any work,
- 3) this puts Renamo people inside the system who will report back to the leadership any perceived anti-Renamo actions, and
- 4) Renamo also does not want to demobilise, and this structure will allow Renamo generals and guerrillas to be transferred directly into the government army without being disarmed.

Various draft documents are now in circulation, including from Renamo. Any settlement would also include an amnesty, and would provide pensions for those Renamo fighters who want to retire rather than join the army. Negotiators on Tuesday said they has reached a "95% consensus".

Still to be negotiated is some sort of financial settlement for Renamo.

There has been a sharp reduction of military action. There have been no Renamo attacks this

month and Savana (18 and 25 July) reports that government has stopped military action around Gorongosa. The only report of action was a confrontation with Renamo in Mabote, northern Inhambane province 13 July.

## On-going conflict with MDM cities

In most countries there are problems when major cities are run by a different party than the national government, and the central government in Mozambique is trying to maintain control over the cities which were won by the Mozambique Democratic Movement (MDM) in elections last year.

Traditionally, "community leaders" and neighbourhood secretaries have also been the local Frelimo leaders. In Nampula the new mayor Mahamudo Amurane is replacing those people with his own appointees, but last week the Minister of State Administration, Carmelita Namashalua said the city cannot do that, because these are named by the central state and not the city.

And in Beira, the government has appointed a new district administrator for a new district with the same area as the city, and a separate budget. This is part of a much broader problem affecting both Frelimo and MDM cities. In the 1990s elected municipal governments were established as part of a genuine wave of decentralisation. But under the Guebuza government since 2004, central government has been reasserting control. For example, the city of Maputo, which has an elected Mayor and assembly (both always Frelimo) also has a governor named by the President. Similarly, most cities also have district administrators named by central government. The division of power is often unclear, and this leads to two competing administrations. Most recently has been a move to reduce the size of the cities and move outer neighbourhoods out of the elected city administration into a neighbouring district.

## Kidnap trials

Kidnapping for ransom remains a problem, although not as serious as before, in part because kidnapers are being caught. In a trial this week, the victim has refused to testify because of threats. And it was also revealed and ransoms of \$200,000 and \$300,000 were paid - pointing to the large amounts of cash circulating in Maputo.

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## *The next book*

### **Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento**

by Teresa Smart & Joseph Hanlon will be launched 30 July in Maputo and 14 August in Nampula.

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by Joseph Hanlon & Teresa Smart

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