

## **Empowering the under-privileged through distance education**

**The case of Catholic University of Mozambique 's Centre for Distance  
Education (CED)..**

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## Agenda

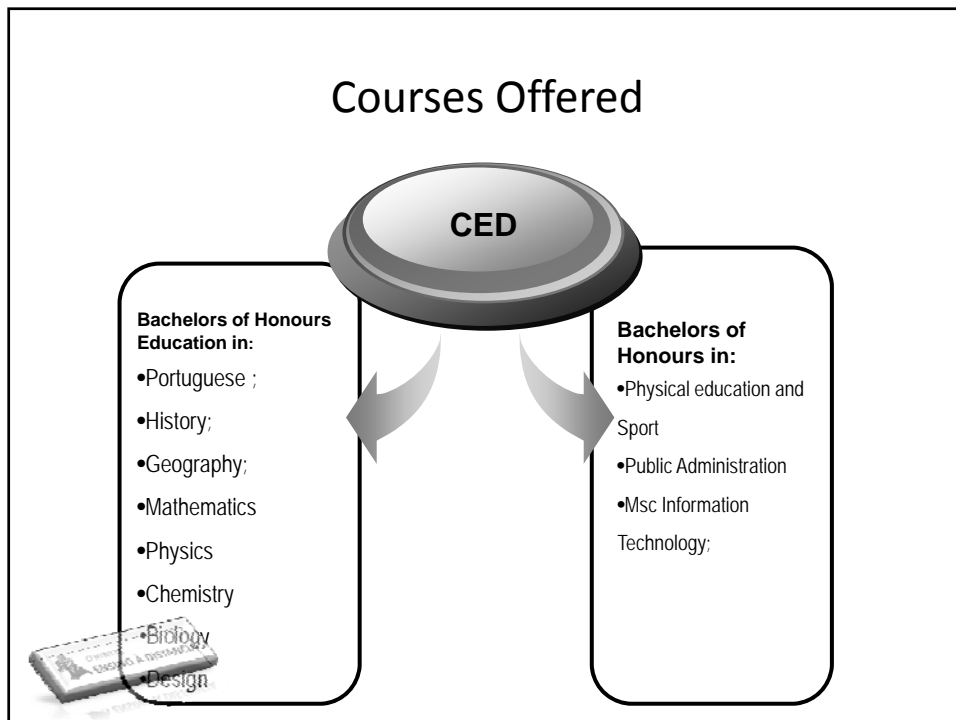
- The CED(Centro de ensino a distancia)
- The CED Student
- Needs of the CED.
- Future perspective.



## Our History

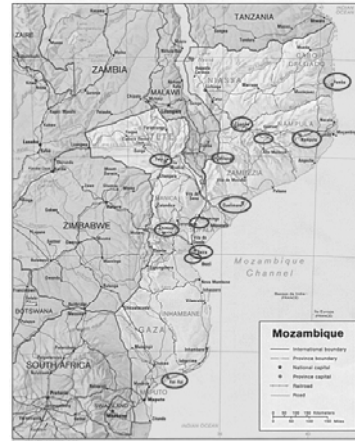
- Started 2003.
- Private institution.
- The center started as of Faculty of Education

## Courses Offered



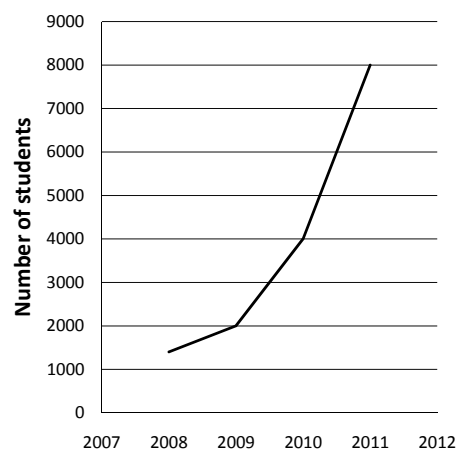
## Geographical Coverage

- Covering seven provinces in Central and north of Mozambique.
- 12 Resource centres.



## Challenges

- Exponential growth.
- Infrastructure.
- Change management
- Quality assurance
- Materials production
  - Video
  - Simulation
- Logistics



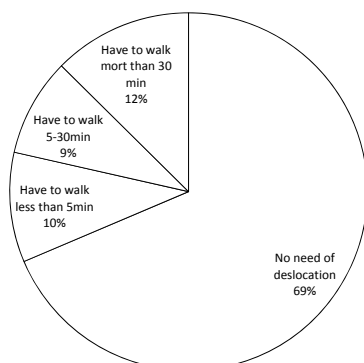
## Who is our student?

- Average age: 33 years.
- Has a day job.
- Female: 26%, male 74%.
- 40% have to travel more than 5 h to get to the contact sessions.
- Would not be able to study in a full time course.

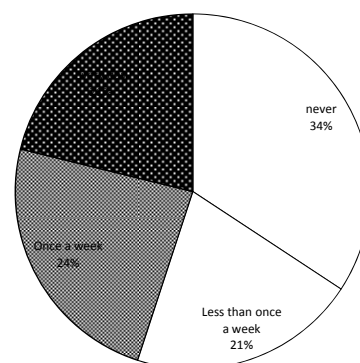


## Our student – technology wise

Mobile cellphone connectivity



Use of a computer



## Access issues

- Technology
  - 99% have Cell phone.
  - CD/DVD player is very common.
  - 22% of our students use the internet
- Computer literacy
  - 8% use email regularly.
  - 14% use Google for searching.
  - 30% know use Word.

## Riding on National/International initiatives

- Mozambique national fiber backbone
  - Covers the whole country
    - All districts.
- Eassy, SEACOM
- Electricity network
  - More than 100 of 120+ districts connected to the national grid
  - Know your student.
- Mobile network coverage
  - Covers most of the country
  - Over 7million have cell phones

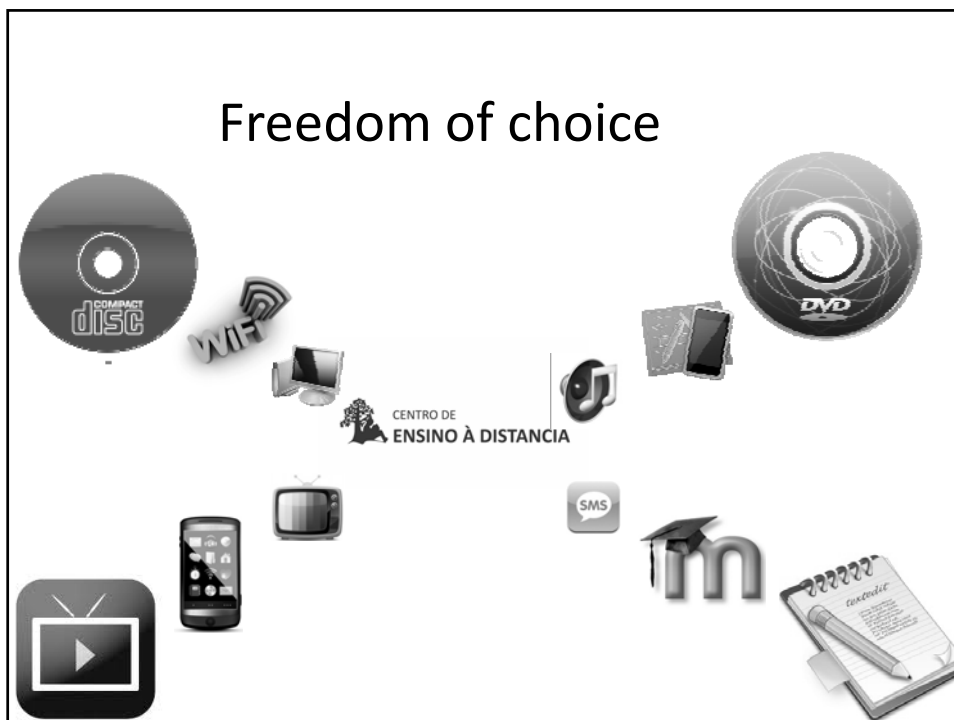
## Empowering our students through

- Efficiently managing large student numbers.
- Delivery of accessible quality learning material.
- Learn while you earn.
- Enhance Student – Teacher interaction.

## Empowering our students through(cont.)

- Enhancing the learning experience.
- Reduce travel distance.
- Reduce digital divide.
- Maintain affordable fees
- Flexible payment terms

## Freedom of choice



## Use of Local resources

- Classes conducted in local buildings
  - Secondary schools
  - Cinemas
  - Community Halls.
- Tutoring done by local teachers
  - Train qualified high school teachers to teach by distance
- Partnerships with local authorities
  - District
  - Church parish

## Perspectives of the future

- Internationalisation
  - SADC and beyond.
- Interactive material
  - Video
  - DVD, etc
- More Online courses
  - Other courses other than education