

Questions for Student Discussion on Mozambique

Please note:

This is a list of questions that students prepared to discuss with the faculty. Please note all questions listed may not have been asked in the order presented in this document. Also, due to time limitations all questions may not be asked or discussed.

Scaling up

1. When scaling up, issues of partnerships are fundamental. However, one issue that is less talked about is power. When communities, local government, and experts collaborate and empower to change social issues, those in power (in any one of the three sectors) may react when traditional power structures are challenged. How do we deal with this potential barrier?
2. One of the weaknesses noted in the Mozambique case study was that the scaling up process was not planned for at the outset of the project. How do we properly plan to scale up at the outset of any project, especially given that new relationships with the community may be precarious at this time and financial resources may be very limited?
3. Did any particular connections exist between the Chokwe VHWs and the communities where the project expanded that facilitated the scaling up process in some communities and not others?
4. How important is intrinsic motivation (vs. extrinsic) in scaling up communities? Is intrinsic motivation always necessary?
5. Since scaling up does not happen overnight, how realistic is it to get experts, funders/donors, and government officials to be committed to this process? At what costs, at what personal sacrifice?

