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Higher minimum pay ranges from \$110 per month for cashew workers to \$319 for bank workers; but no rise for health and other government workers

Small increases in minimum wages for the private sector were approved Tuesday (28 April) by the Council of Ministers, after negotiations between government, employers and the trade union federation Consilimo.

Salários mínimos	Minimum monthly wages	MT 2025	MT 2026	Rise	\$ 2026
Sector 1- Agricultura, Pecuária, Caça e Silvicultura	Sector 1 – Agriculture, Livestock, Hunting and Forestry	6,688	7,072	6%	111
Sector 2- Pesca Marítima, Industrial e Semi-Industrial	Sector 2 – Marine, Industrial and Semi-Industrial Fishing	6,727	7,063	5%	111
2.1-Pesca de Kapenta	2.1 – Kapenta Fishing	4,991	4,991	0%	78
Sector 3- Extracção de Minerais	Sector 3 – Mineral Extraction Industry				
3.1-Grandes Empresas	3.1 – Large Enterprises	15,177	16,239	7%	254
3.2-Pedreiras e Areeiros - Medias Empresas	3.2 – Quarries & Sand Pits – Medium-sized Enterprises	8,008	8,488	6%	133
3.3-Salinas e Micro e Pequenas Empresas	3.3 - Saltworks & Micro and Small firms	6,538	6,824	4%	107
Sector 4- Indústria Transformadora	Sector 4 - Manufacturing	10,148	10,623	5%	166
4.1 - Panificação	4.1 - Bakery	7,200	7,500	4%	117
4.2 - Caju	4.2 - Cashew	6,653	7,000	5%	110
Sector 5 - Produção e Distribuição Electricidade, Gás e Água	Sector 5 - Electricity, Gas and Water Production and Distribution				
5.1 - Grandes Empresa	5.1 - Large Enterprises	12,275	12,775	4%	200
5.2 - Pequenas e Medias Empresas	5.2 - Small and Medium-sized Enterprises	9,961	10,366	4%	162
Sector 6 - Construção	Sector 6 - Construction	8,400	8,652	3%	135
Sector 7 - Actividades dos Serviços não Financeiros	Sector 7 - Non-Financial Services	10,310	10,845	5%	170
7.1 - Indústria Hoteleira, Turismo e Similares	7.1 - Hospitality, Tourism and Related Industries	9,700	10,600	9%	166
7.2 - Segurança Privada	7.2 - Private Security	8,465	8,690	3%	136
7.3 - Retalhistas de Combustíveis	7.3 - Fuel Retailers	9,739	10,079	3%	158
Sector 8 - Actividades dos Serviços Financeiros	Sector 8 - Financial Services				
Bancos e Seguradoras	Banks and Insurance Companies	19,044	20,361	7%	319
Micro Finanças, Micro Iradoras	Microfinance, Microinsurers	16,764	17,925	7%	281
Sector 9 - Função Pública	Sector 9 - Public administration	8,758	8,758	0	137

There are 19 different sectoral minimum wages (see table below). Agriculture, fishing, and cashew processing workers have the lowest minimum wage of \$110 or \$111 per month.

Civil servants had their minimum wage doubled in 2023 to \$137 as part of the much criticised unified state salary scale (TSU), and has not been increased since (in part due to demands by the IMF). The minimum wage for health, education and other government workers is similar to that for security guards and construction workers (\$135). Minimum wages are higher in tourism and manufacturing (\$166), electricity and gas (\$200), mining (\$254) and especially banking and insurance (\$281-\$319).

Left out of the negotiations was Kapenta fishing in Lake Cahora Bassa, which is collapsing, so the minimum remains at \$71.

The national poverty line is \$0.70 per person per day, or \$105 per month for a family of five. All minimum wages (except kapenta) are above the poverty line, but by only a small amount.

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Important external links

Books by Joseph Hanlon can be downloaded, free: <https://bit.ly/HanlonBooks>

Flood, cyclone and weather: weather <https://www.inam.gov.mz/>

rainfall https://www.inam.gov.mz/images/DAPT_Previsoes/Manha/Previsao_Manha.pdf

Cyclone trackers, <https://bit.ly/Reunion-cyclone>, <https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

(which uses z time which is UCT - Coordinated Universal Time) and <https://www.cyclocane.com/>

Two LSE working papers - World Bank questions its Mozambique 'success' where oligarchs brought high inequality, poverty and corruption - <https://bit.ly/Moz-LSE-208c> and **How the IMF and World Bank caused a resource curse and civil war in Mozambique** - <https://bit.ly/Moz-LSE-209>

Minimum wage & exchange rate charts, tables 1996-2022 <https://bit.ly/MozMinWage2022>

Previous editions of this newsletter: <https://bit.ly/MozNews2023> and <https://bit.ly/MozNews2022>

My Mozambique archive: <http://bit.ly/Mozamb>

Cabo Delgado

Cabo Ligado weekly report on civil war <https://www.caboligado.com/>

Archive with reports, detailed maps, and census data <https://bit.ly/Moz-CDg>

Special reports on the war

Evolution of the war: global vs local. 27 Feb 2020 <http://bit.ly/CDelgadoOrigins>

Religion is shaping Cabo Delgado civil war. 30 April 2020 <https://bit.ly/CDelgadoReligion>

Intensifying argument over roots of war. 28 June 2020 <https://bit.ly/Moz-492>

Are the drums of war silencing any hope of peace? 26 July 2020 <http://bit.ly/Moz-496>

A history of violence presages the insurgency. 13 August 2020 <http://bit.ly/Moz-498>

Military & economic intervention. 3 Sept 2020 <https://bit.ly/CDelgadoIntervene>

Cabo-Delgado-Free-for-all. 20 Apr 2022. <http://bit.ly/Moz-593>

Mozambique heroin transit trade

English - LSE - 2018 - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroin>

Portuguese - CIP- 2018 - <http://bit.ly/HeroinaPT>

2001 first article- *Metical* - English and Portuguese <https://bit.ly/MozHeroin2001>

Gas for development?

Gas_for_development_or_just_for_money?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasEng
Gás_para_desenvolvimento_ou_apenas_dinheiro?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasPt

Background reading

Special reports

Social protection report - 2017 Mozambique - <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>
Special report on four poverty surveys: bit.ly/MozPoverty

\$2bn secret debt - in English

Secret debt trial (Aug-Oct 2021) press reports <https://bit.ly/Moz-secret-debt>
Kroll - Full report on \$2bn debt - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-Moz>
Kroll report summary - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-sum>
Key points of Mozambique parliament report - Nov 2016 - <http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt-En>
Following the donor-designed path to Mozambique's \$2.2 bn debt - <http://bit.ly/3WQ-hanlon>

In Portuguese:

Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt (complete) bit.ly/MozAR-debt
2018 Constitution - <http://bit.ly/2KF588T>

Twelve books by Joseph Hanlon can be downloaded, free: <https://bit.ly/HanlonBooks>

"Moçambique recolonizado através da corrupção" (2025) <https://bit.ly/MozRecol> (Portuguese only)

Zimbabwe takes back its land (2013) <https://bit.ly/Zim-takes-land>

Bangladesh confronts climate change (2016)

Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique (2014) is on <https://bit.ly/Chickens-Beer>

Há Mais Bicicletas – mas há desenvolvimento? (2008)

Civil War Civil Peace (2006): <https://bit.ly/Civil-War-Civil-Peace>

Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000 (2001)

Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000 (2001)

Paz Sem Benefício: Como o FMI Bloqueia a Reconstrução (1997)

Peace Without Profit: How the IMF Blocks Rebuilding (1996) <https://bit.ly/Peace-wo-Profit>

Mozambique: Who Calls the Shots (1991) <https://bit.ly/Shots-Moz>

Mozambique: The Revolution Under Fire (1984)

These are still available for sale:

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento (2014) (free in English)

Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South (2010)

Do bicycles equal development in Mozambique? (2008) (free in Portuguese)

Beggar Your Neighbours: Apartheid Power in Southern Africa (1986)

Mozambique media websites, English:

Club of Mozambique (free): <http://clubofmozambique.com/>

Zitamar (paywall): <http://zitamar.com/>

Mozambique media websites, Portuguese (all with partial paywall):

Notícias: www.jornalnoticias.co.mz

O País: www.opais.co.mz

@Verdade: <http://www.verdade.co.mz>

Carta de Moçambique <https://cartamz.com>

Mozambique think tanks and pressure groups, Portuguese:

Centro de Integridade Pública: CIP <https://cipmoz.org/>

Observatório do Meio Rural: OMR <https://omrmz.org/>

Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Económicos: IESE <https://www.iese.ac.mz/>

Centro Para Democracia e Desenvolvimento CDD <https://cddmoz.org/> (some CDD in English)

Also CDD now controls Fórum de Monitoria do Orçamento - FMO (main debt group) <http://www.fmo.org.mz>
and RMDDH - Rede Moçambicana dos Defensores dos Direitos Humanos (a human rights group).

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