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## Vale mines displace farmers, Mozambique

### ▼ Description

Brazilian major mining group Vale extracts coal from the Moatize mine in the Tete province of Mozambique.

[See more...](#)

### ▼ Basic Data

#### Name

Vale mines displace farmers, Mozambique

#### Country

[Mozambique \(/country/mozambique\)](/country/mozambique)

#### Province

Tete

#### Site

Moatize, Cateme

#### Accuracy of Location

HIGH local level

### ▼ Source of Conflict

#### Type of Conflict (1st level)

Mineral Ores and Building Materials Extraction

#### Type of Conflict (2nd level)

Mineral ore exploration  
Thermal power plants

#### Specific Commodities

[Coal \(/commodity/coal\)](/commodity/coal)

### ▼ Project Details and Actors

#### Project Details

Last year Vale produced 620 000 t of coal. However, only 140 000 t, or about 22.6%, of this coal, was exported through the Port of Beira. The expansion will lift output from 11 to 22 million tons of coal/yr.

#### Level of Investment (in USD)

6000000000

#### Type of Population

Rural

#### Company Names or State Enterprises

[Vale Mozambique \(/company/vale-mozambique\)](/company/vale-mozambique) from [Brazil \(/country-of-company/brazil\)](/country-of-company/brazil)  
[Vale S.A. \(Vale\) \(/company/vale-sa\)](/company/vale-sa) from [Brazil \(/country-of-company/brazil\)](/country-of-company/brazil) - formerly named [Companhia Vale do Rio Doce \(Brazil\)](#)

#### Relevant government actors

## Environmental justice organisations and other supporters

UNAC, JA, CIP

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### ▼ The Conflict and the Mobilization

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#### Intensity of Conflict (at highest level)

HIGH (widespread, mass mobilization, violence, arrests, etc...)

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#### When did the mobilization begin

In REACTION to the implementation (during construction or operation)

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#### Groups Mobilizing

Farmers  
Social movements

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#### Forms of Mobilization

Blockades  
Displaced families blockaded the railroad with logs and piled stones on the highway, halting the flow of Vales coal. The Mozambican government responded with riot police, and Vales activities resumed within 24 hours.

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### ▼ Impacts

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#### Environmental Impacts

**Visible:** Air pollution, Biodiversity loss (wildlife, agro-diversity), Desertification/Drought, Food insecurity (crop damage), Global warming, Loss of landscape/aesthetic degradation, Noise pollution, Soil contamination, Soil erosion, Deforestation and loss of vegetation cover, Mine tailing spills

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#### Socio-economic Impacts

**Visible:** Increase in Corruption/Co-optation of different actors, Displacement, Increase in violence and crime, Lack of work security, labour absenteeism, firings, unemployment, Loss of livelihood, Loss of traditional knowledge/practices/cultures, Violations of human rights

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### ▼ Outcome

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#### Project Status

In operation

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#### Pathways for conflict outcome / response

Migration/displacement  
Repression  
Fourteen people were arrested and one person was slightly injured after the riot police broke the blockade.

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#### Do you consider this as a success?

No

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#### Why? Explain briefly.

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### ▼ Sources and Materials

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#### Links

[click to view] (<http://www.minesandcommunities.org/article.php?a=11439>)

[click to view] (<http://www.minnpost.com/christian-science-monitor/2012/04/new-coal-giant-mozambique-faces-rising-public-anger>)

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### ▼ Meta Information

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