

► **With ILO's support, INSS convenes award ceremony of Journalism Prize on Mandatory Social Security and launches statistical bulletin**

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With the support of the ILO through the ACTION/Portugal project, the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) held on 24 February in Maputo the award ceremony of the National Journalism Prize on Mandatory Social Security.¹² Launched in July 2021, this competition was conceived by the INSS, in partnership with the National Union of Journalists (SNJ) and the ILO, with the goal of raising the quality of media content related to mandatory social security.

During the opening of the event, the Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Security, Rolinho Manuel Farnela, highlighted that this initiative also contributed to recognizing the good work done by journalists in disseminating information on social insurance, and ultimately supporting the extension of the system. "With these awards we want to value the professionals who, with their knowledge, contribute to the enlargement of our Social Security System", he said.

Rubén Vicente, Social Protection Programme Manager of the ILO, emphasized that journalists and media outlets play an important role in the national debate on social protection, contributing

¹ <https://www.inss.gov.mz/noticias/1155-premios-devem-servir-para-melhorar-a-qualidade-do-trabalho-jornalístico.html>

² https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?height=314&href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmocambique.tvm%2Fvideos%2F3022561191329652%2F&show_text=false&width=560&t=3549

to improve the knowledge of society about the functioning, conditions, and benefits of the contributory social security system.

Journalists had the chance to compete in three categories: press, radio and television. The jury, composed of representatives of INSS, SNJ and ILO, selected and awarded the three best journalistic reports of each category. Members of the jury considered four technical aspects for assessing the pieces: originality and relevance of the theme, due respect to the ethical principles of journalism, knowledge of the social security system, and structure and objectivity.

In the television category, Águeda Paixão Macuácuá, from *Televisão de Moçambique*, won first place with the work entitled "Impact of the Electronic Platforms introduced in the modernization and digitization process of the Social Security System." Victor Arcanjo África, from *Rádio Moçambique*, was the winner of the radio category, with a report that addresses the contribution situation of private security companies in the INSS. In the press category, Raúl Pascoal Senda, from *Jornal Savana*, was the winner with the article "Social security for own-account workers: a still neglected support". Domingos Manuel Tomás from *Televisão de Moçambique* in Gaza was second in the TV category, followed by Cristina Cristiano Malissau from TVM Cabo Delgado. Herminia Francisco Horácio Jamal dos Santos, from the provincial broadcaster of *Rádio Moçambique* in Nampula, and Horácio Romão from *Rádio Moçambique* in Inhambane got the second and third prizes in the radio category, respectively. In the press category, Naércia Lizete Zefanias Langa from *Diário de Moçambique*, Maputo Delegation, was second, while Jocas Felisberto António Achar, from *Jornal Notícias*, Zambézia Delegation, was awarded for the third best piece.



The first classified in each category had as a prize 150.000,00 MT, a laptop and an honor diploma, the second received 100.00,00 MT, a laptop and an honor diploma, and the third received 50.000,00 MT, a tablet and an honor diploma. The journalists Normélia Venâncio Inguane Nhancale, from the Social Communication Institute, Maputo Province Delegation and Miguel Paulo Munguambe, from the *Público* newspaper had honorable mentions in recognition of the good quality of their works.



During the event, the INSS also launched the publication "Social Security Statistical Bulletin: 2016-2020," which received financial support of the ILO through the ACTION/Portugal project. Elaborated by INSS's Department of Planning and Statistics, the bulletin is now in its second edition. It presents key data on the situation of contributory social protection in Mozambique, including statistical information on contributors/insured workers, beneficiaries and pensioners, and expenditure with short and long term benefits. INSS's commitment to produce and release high-quality statistical information on social insurance on a periodic basis is considered by the Government as a key element for the formulation of strategies and policies based on evidence.

The ILO continues to support INSS in its efforts to build a culture of social protection and the dissemination statistical data that is necessary for policy and decision making processes in the social security sector.