With support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, ThinkWell implements the Covid-19 Essential Health Services & Response Coordination project in Mozambique. From October 2020 to October 2021, we provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Health’s (MoH) Directorate for Planning and Coordination (DPC) to strengthen the MoH’s management of its coronavirus response and the continuity of essential services during the pandemic.

**TARGETED RESULTS**

1. Stronger MoH leadership, including the production of sector strategies, plans, and monitoring documents
2. Streamlined Covid epidemic management, including resource and expenditure tracking
3. Active data analysis to improve the MoH’s use of data for planning and decision-making
4. Efficient management of essential service provision to monitor the epidemic’s impact

Health sector actors are coalescing around the pandemic and the GFF investment case. This presents an opportunity to reinvigorate coordination, planning, delivery, and monitoring of essential health services.
APPROACH

The project’s approach to technical assistance is a progressive, multi-stage process to support the MoH towards transformational change. ThinkWell is moving away from embedding project staff within the MoH, since embedded staff often get pulled into completing daily tasks. Instead, we seek to transfer capacity to the MoH for their staff to lead and perform more effectively.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

This grant is one of three investment case implementation support pilots that are part of a new partnership model between the World Bank Global Financing Facility (GFF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The GFF’s strategy outlines that countries need strong national leadership, including planning units, to lead investment case implementation. Given that, the pilots aim to identify technical assistance gaps and build long-term institutional capacity.