

Background

The power line that supplies power to Mozambique's capital, Maputo, stretches some 80km from Maputo to Ressano Garcia on the border with South Africa. During the country's civil war, mines were laid around the pylons by government forces to protect them against attack. These mines caused human and livestock accidents. They hampered maintenance of the line and those living beside the pylons lived in constant fear of injury or death.

As a key piece of national infrastructure providing power to a population of over 1.2m people in Maputo, the government believed clearance of the line was of the highest priority. From 2009 – 2014 The HALO Trust provided support to local people and the national electricity company *Electricidade de Moçambique* (EDM) by clearing the mines around 171 electricity pylons along the power line.

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