

Preface

This report on the recovery period in Mozambique following the 2000/2001 floods was conducted by the ProVention Consortium as part of a five-country review of lessons learned from recovery after major natural disasters. The other four country studies – on Bangladesh, Honduras, India and Turkey – have been completed, and a *Synthesis Report* will be issued that summarizes the findings of the review. The ProVention Consortium is an international network of public, private, non-governmental, and academic organizations dedicated to reducing the impacts of disasters in developing countries. The activity was managed by the World Bank, and benefited from the guidance and conceptual inputs of a number of ProVention partners.

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