

Zimbabwe's Deputy Prime Minister launches Mozambique fund (Text) The Deputy Prime Minister, Comrade Simon Muzenda, has disclosed that more than 400,000 Mozambicans have died since 1980 as a result of the MNR destabilisation activities. He said more than half of this number were children under the age of five. Comrade Muzenda made the disclosure when he officially launched the Mozambique fund, which will incorporate a famine relief and a scholarship fund. The Deputy Prime Minister, who is also patron of the Zimbabwe-Mozambique Friendship Association, said direct and indirect economic losses to Mozambique amounted to about 6.5 billion dollars since 1980.

- Comrade Muzenda called on all Zimbabweans in the rural areas to put aside some of their surplus maize which he said would be collected in provincial warehouses for the starving Mozambicans. He also urged every worker and student to set aside a fixed amount of money every month to pay for the fuel to move the maize to all drought-stricken parts of Mozambique. Comrade Muzenda said every specialised school will soon be called upon to reserve a quota of spaces for Mozambican students. (Harare home service in English 0400 gmt 29 Nov 86)