

Where food security trumps ideology: ‘People in Mozambique are not worried about GMOs’

In Mozambique, a country where 64 percent of the population is food insecure, no one cares about the processes used to produce food. They are only glad to have it.

As a result, though Mozambique has not yet approved the use of genetically modified crops, supermarkets there are already selling imported GM products to excited consumers. The nation’s citizens, it seems, are ready to accept the commercialization of GMOs — if it means more food on their tables.

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“People in Mozambique are not worried about GMOs,” Rose Moreira, who works with National Agricultural Research Institute of Mozambique, told the Alliance for Science. “They are willing to have very good products from industry, commerce and technology. People are not looking at what they have on the shelves. They are looking at the way they will have it on their plates.”

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The residents say they look forward to the GM products hitting the market to increase production and cut down on importation. Nelson Salvador Balate, local youth leader for Mozambique’s governing political party at Bilene, told the Alliance for Science: “If we get technology, for example, genetic modification, we can get more production. If we get it locally, it will be good for us.”

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