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Commencing in 2006 a bridge across the Zambezi River will be constructed in central Mozambique to better link the north and south of the country. There is little doubt that this project when completed will have positive consequences for the national economy. Local communities will also benefit from jobs and new investment. Yet past experience urges measures to be taken now to protect children from abuse and exploitation that is often associated with the realization of large, infrastructure projects in impoverished rural areas. With large numbers of single, male workers projected to enter the area for two to three years the risks of child prostitution and labour exploitation are very real, and are a source of concern to Save the Children, local communities and children themselves. Drawing on interviews and discussions with children, parents, teachers, community leaders and district and national level officials and stakeholders this publication identifies the problems that children may face as the project develops. It concludes with a series of practical recommendations that if carried out now will help ensure that these risks are diminished, and that this project will not only benefit the nation but the people of the area in which it is located.



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