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Here in Mozambique there is a need for smaller industries. The country imports many things that could be made here, taking advantage of local resources. We have many resources that are not made use of. Many raw materials are exported instead of being worked here in making products that could be sold locally. For example, tools and other metal instruments necessary for trade and agriculture.

We import hammers and machetes from China and hoes from Vietnam, saws and pliers from India and ploughs from South Africa.

However, we have a lot of old metal in the country that could be converted to these items.

We have a large number of bright young men and women who are unemployed but who could be trained as artisans making metallic devices.

If they had initiative and were creative and had the imagination to realize how much money they could make, they could employ and create other industries



in small towns (or even at village level where there would be a big market for such things).

In this edition of our “Experimentalist” we show some tools of the type that small workshops may need. In future editions we will show examples of small village industries that we think may be useful in Mozambique.