



Association Cross Mozambique

Provide Food, Shelter, Education
and the Hope of Jesus

Vision

Cross Catholic Outreach wants to empower Association Cross Mozambique (ACM), a holistic ministry devoted to serving the country's most vulnerable populations, to enhance their valuable services to orphans and at-risk elderly citizens. Your support will help this Catholic mission rescue more children in the name of Jesus!

Project Summary

This project will allow ACM to address the diverse material, educational and spiritual needs of HIV/AIDS-affected orphans and vulnerable children.

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Location

ACM is based in Mozambique's largest city, Maputo, near South Africa and Eswatini (formerly Swaziland).

Partner

ACM was founded by a group of local Catholic women who dedicated their lives to rescuing children after the country's AIDS crisis and civil war created a generation of orphans.

Projected Cost

\$198,336 will fund ACM's orphans and vulnerable children support program, providing food for children and the elderly, education, housing, medical care, a girls' rescue program, microenterprise programs for caregivers, and Catholic spiritual outreach.





Rescue Mozambique's Most Vulnerable Children

Mozambique's Orphan Crisis

Since its independence from Portugal in 1975, Mozambique has been battered by civil war, famine and the social consequences of the HIV/AIDS epidemic — leaving an estimated 2 million children orphaned or living on the street (UNICEF).

Traditionally, children who become orphans were taken in by neighbors or extended family members. But the sheer number of orphaned children has stretched extended family members to the limit, with some taking in as many as 10 children. As a result of stretched resources, many orphans have been left to fend for themselves, often begging on the streets or working menial jobs to survive.

The Solution

To help these needy children, Doroteia Balane and ACM use a holistic ministry approach that ensures orphans and vulnerable children are supported both materially and spiritually. In addition to meeting each child's physical needs through food, education, preventive health care, regular home visits and other critical support, they also bless the boys and girls through Bible studies, prayer and connections they help forge with local parishes.

How You Can Change Lives

Without families to care for their basic needs, children and the at-risk elderly are depending on us to meet their needs. Here are the areas your support will help:

-  **ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN** — Children will receive food, water, education, medicine and spiritual edification. Monthly food rations and basic medicines are distributed to **240 children** in Maputo; and food rations and basic medicines are distributed quarterly to **220 children** in Gaza.
-  **MEDICAL** — Home care will be provided to **360 people**. A nurse examines and distributes medicine to the elderly and children who participate in the program.
-  **EDUCATION** — Your support will empower **20 girls** to finish their education at a Catholic boarding school and support scholarships for **225 children** in the orphan support program.
-  **FOOD** — The elderly often become displaced or abandoned, with no one to care for them. ACM will provide food and regular home visits by social workers to **83 elderly citizens** who are in the twilight of their lives.
-  **HOUSING** — Your support will also help build **four sturdy concrete houses** for orphan families living in horrendous conditions. Each home is made of concrete block and has a cement floor, a metal roof, a lockable door and a latrine for improved sanitation.
-  **MICROENTERPRISE** — ACM helps **25 mothers or caretakers** of children in their programs by helping them build small businesses.
-  **SPIRITUAL OUTREACH** — The staff offers spiritual formation classes, teaching children the spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer and Catholic catechism classes.

Your support will help ACM manifest the love and mercy of Jesus as they address these urgent needs!

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2022, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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