Association Cross Mozambique

Restoring Hope to Orphans and Vulnerable Children

— Maputo, Mozambique —

“Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.”

PROVERBS 23:18
Executive Summary

Description
This project will help Association Cross Mozambique (ACM) provide food, scholarships, school uniforms, books, school supplies, tutoring, and health care to orphaned and vulnerable children.

Purpose
To support at-risk children affected by the devastating HIV/AIDS pandemic while empowering them with Christ's hope.

Location
The Gaza Province and Maputo, Mozambique's largest city, located in the southernmost part of the country.

Cost
$137,472 will help feed 460 orphaned children and provide 225 of them with scholarships, school uniforms, books and supplies.

Highlights

**NEED**
- Africa's HIV/AIDS pandemic devastated Mozambique, leaving 2 million children without one or both parents. Currently, 700,000 more boys and girls are at risk of abandonment. (Source: UNICEF)
- Mozambique's orphan crisis forces vulnerable children to seek menial jobs to survive. One-fourth of children aged 5-14 in the country are trapped in child labor. (Source: UNICEF)
- Orphaned girls are particularly vulnerable and face the dangers of sexual assault, early marriage and human trafficking.

**IMPACT**
- Association Cross Mozambique meets each child's physical needs by providing food, education, health care and additional critical support to those in the program.
- Through Bible studies, catechism classes and prayer, children are nourished with the love of Christ.
- With your help, ACM can accomplish its critical mission of transforming the lives of poor and abandoned children.
The Need: Hope for Mozambique’s Orphans

On a typical weekday in Mozambique, it is common to see school-aged children roaming the streets of major cities. Instead of attending school, these impoverished boys and girls are forced to beg or search for menial work to survive. Being forced to live on the streets is degrading, and it exposes vulnerable children to drug use, sexual exploitation and criminal activities — ultimately robbing them of all hope for a better future.

Why are nearly 2 million orphans wandering the streets? Following its independence from Portugal in 1975, Mozambique entered a lengthy period of civil war, followed by a devastating famine and the deadly HIV/AIDS pandemic, which decimated a generation of parents. This terrible turn of events left a multitude of innocent children alone and vulnerable.

Neighbors and extended family members initially took in orphaned boys and girls, as is the tradition in African culture — with some people taking in as many as ten children — but the size of the crisis and economic pressures of caring for so many youngsters eventually became overwhelming and ended their ability to respond.

Today, there are simply too many orphans waiting for help or for friends or family to take them in, so the Church must play its part in offering sustenance, support and hope.

Thankfully, Association Cross Mozambique (ACM) is equipped to provide these children the tangible love of Christ they so desperately need. Through ACM’s support programs, orphans and vulnerable children receive material and spiritual support so they can reach a future of hope. Please — help ACM rescue and restore these precious children of God!
Help Now!

As Christians, we know that orphans hold a special place in God’s heart. The Sacred Scriptures remind us, “Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation” (Psalm 68:5).

The staff at Association Cross Mozambique is prepared to serve as the hands and feet of Christ by serving these forgotten children in their hour of need. You play a role in this important mission of mercy with your gift. It will enable ACM to provide needy boys and girls in their area with food, education and tutoring, medical services, and spiritual formation. We pray you will join us in this critical mission of mercy!

By financially supporting Association Cross Mozambique, you will restore orphans’ hope and transform their lives for the glory of God!

Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2023, 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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