

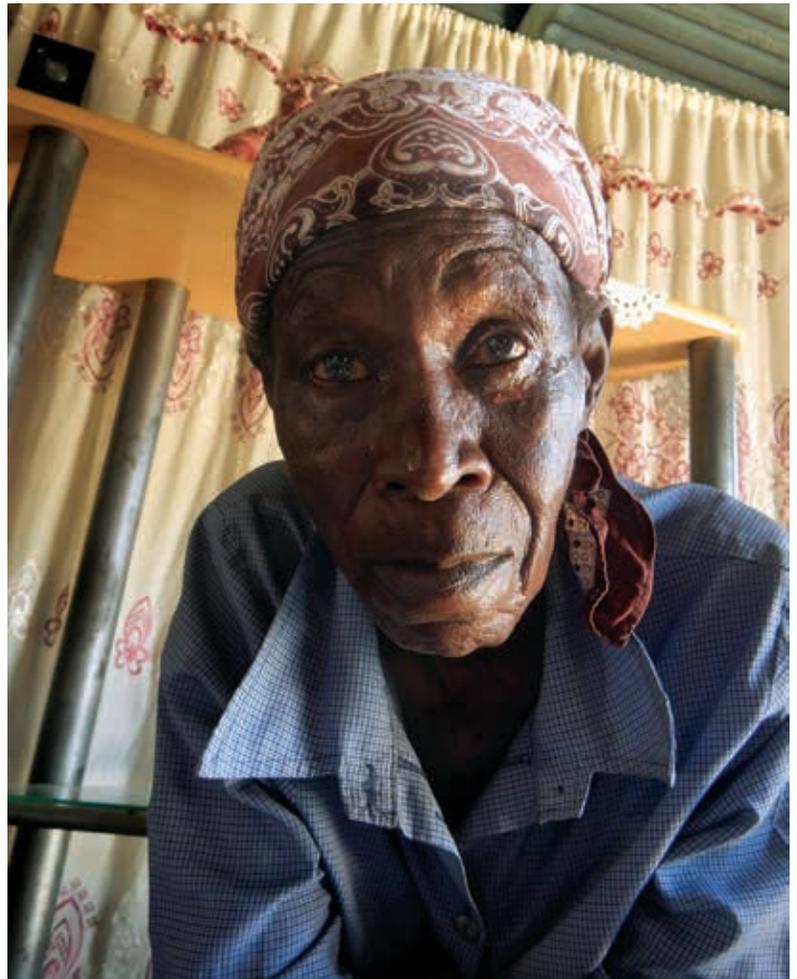


# Association Cross Mozambique

Showing Christ's love by ministering to the elderly

— Maputo and Gaza Province, Mozambique —

When the AIDS orphan crisis became the dominant issue for many of Mozambique relief workers, it had an unexpected impact on another “at risk” population — the poor and vulnerable elderly. Many of these senior citizens found their hardships ignored and their urgent needs unmet. Left to fend for themselves, some had no one to care for their medical, spiritual or social needs. Seeing this shift in services and the elderly’s need for attention, our ministry partner, Association Cross Mozambique (ACM) stepped up with a plan to address the situation. They want to serve as the hands and feet of Christ by showing mercy and offering compassion to those who are in the twilight of their lives. With your support, they will be able to distribute food and medicine. Through your generosity, they will be able to provide basic health care to the frail elderly, extending love and respect to assuage their fears and return their dignity. By supporting Cross Catholic Outreach, you can empower ACM to reach the suffering with God’s love and message of hope. Please — help ACM address this urgent need. The faces of the elderly will shine with joy as they realize others care about their plight!



**You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old; and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.**

LEVITICUS 19:32



# Project Summary

## Description

This project will distribute food and basic medicine and provide preventative health care for elderly individuals who are hungry, sick and destitute. This elderly program is part of an extended outreach for Association Cross Mozambique (ACM), an advocacy ministry for poor orphans and vulnerable children.

## Purpose

To express Christ's love for elderly residents who live in desperate situations and have no income, little or no access to government relief and no family support.

## Locations

- Maputo, Mozambique's largest city, located near eSwatini and South Africa, on the southernmost part of the country.
- Gaza Province, just north of Maputo, bordering South Africa and Zimbabwe

## Cost

**\$10,396** will cover the costs for **83 destitute elderly citizens** — **49** in Maputo and **34** in Gaza Province.

## Summary

- In Mozambique, due to the vast number of AIDS orphans being taken in by family members, the elderly often become displaced or abandoned, with no one to care for them.
- To combat this problem, ACM serves as the hands and feet of Christ — showing mercy and offering compassion to those who are in the twilight of their lives.
- Monthly food rations and basic medicines are distributed in Maputo; Quarterly food rations and basic medicines are distributed in Gaza.
- A traveling nurse also makes periodic home visits to the elderly in Maputo and distributes free medication and advice.
- Cross Catholic Outreach is ACM's only major funder, and is committed to supporting this outreach to the elderly — but we need your help!



*Cross Catholic Outreach Vice President for Missions David Adams visits the home of an elderly citizen in Maputo, and distributes desperately-needed food.*

“When there is no honor to the elderly, there is no future for the young.”

**POPE FRANCIS**

## 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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