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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Rizwan Adatia
Chairman, RAF Global

RAF Global has been serving the Mozambican population for the last eight years, reaching out to the most vulnerable, marginalised and poorest communities in both rural and urban areas through a range of programmes ranging from livelihood support to health and nutrition and interface of education and technology, amongst others. In the year 2022, these programmes have benefitted no less than 66,137 people covering the rural population in provinces of Gaza, Maputo and key cities such as Maputo, Xai Xai and Inhambane.

Mozambique experienced its first economic contraction in nearly three decades, in the year 2020 when as per estimates, at least 850,000 Mozambicans slid below the international poverty line. With the experience of Covid-19 behind, the country's economy is recovering now and leveraging its natural resources and seaports, its strategic location that makes it a critical corridor to access the global market and its networks with countries such as South Africa, to accelerate the country's economic growth and make up for the time lost during the global pandemic years.

The post pandemic challenges in Mozambican society are largely the same, as being experienced across the world, that of generating employment for youth, creating resilient livelihoods for the poorest and most vulnerable people in both rural and urban locations, fortifying communities with sufficient food, nutrition and access to healthcare including sanitation facilities, and building emergency preparedness, against the furies of nature as well as outbreak of

zoonotic diseases and various infections that are threatening the human race.

RAF Global in its capacity as a social organisation, is out there in the provinces, to help communities build back their lives in a better manner. I am happy to share this journey with you, through the Annual Report of our work in Mozambique in the year, 2022. We have not been alone in this rather, we worked closely with various Government Ministries, provincial governments, technical and implementing partners and institutions such as health centres, schools, orphanages and associations. I am thankful to them for partnering with us in this journey. I am also thankful to our donors who supported procurement of critical medical equipment to firm up the healthcare infrastructure in the provinces where RAF Global works. The communities that we worked with have been generous, sharing their life experiences and providing feedback on implemented programmes. This helps us stay motivated to do more to enable vulnerable, marginalised and poorest people lead dignified lives.

Lastly, I thank the RAF Global team in Mozambique that has strategised, collaborated and worked hard in the field to improve the quality of lives of people we work for.

Best Wishes

Rizwan Adatia
Chairman, RAF Global

ABOUT RAF GLOBAL IN MOZAMBIQUE



Cheerful students at a school in the Gaza Province, where RAF Global donated computers for the IT lab and books for the library under its School Improvement Programme

RAF Global is a private, non-denominational, not-for-profit international organisation committed to improving the quality of life primarily in selected countries across Africa and Asia. RAF Global has branches and affiliates in 6 countries. RAF Global works with the most marginalised individuals, families, communities in the poorest areas of Asia and Africa to improve the Quality of Life by acting as a catalyst that brings together resources, technology, systems, and effective grassroots strategies, giving better choices and control to people for lasting change. In pursuit of its mission, RAF Global endeavors to make long-term, strategic and systemic investment around the key sectors of health, nutrition, education, and sustainable livelihood, along with advancing good governance at the sub-national level.

Operational in Mozambique since 2015, RAF Global is legally incorporated under Clause 2 of Article 158 of the Civil Code of Mozambique. With long term interventions in the provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Maputo city and past interventions in six other provinces, the foundation has reached out to over 3,40,000 lives through multi-sectoral programmes. RAF Global presently implements a wide array of long-term and comprehensive projects across the sectors of livelihood, public health, nutrition, water and sanitation and education in seven districts across the provinces of Gaza, Maputo and suburbs of Maputo city.

RAF Global in Mozambique possesses rich and extensive experience of meaningfully engaging with International Aid agencies, Ministries, Provincial Governments, local administration and local CSOs. In the past, RAF Global has collaborated with various stakeholders in a plethora of projects aimed at driving social change and sustainable development through better convergence and optimal utilisation of resources, demonstrating an effective and meaningful partnership for development.

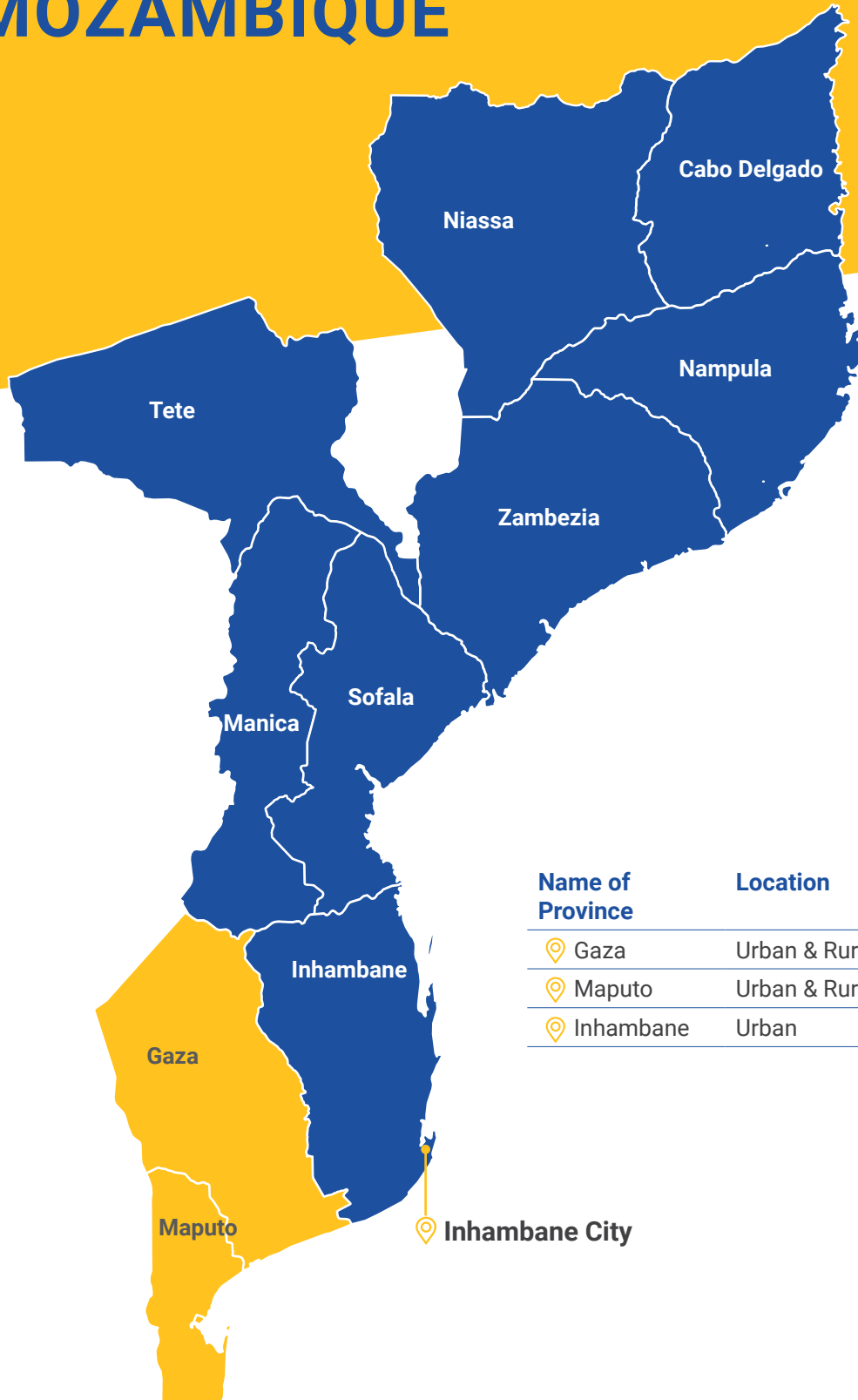
VISION

A resilient society that is free from poverty and where every woman, man and child leads a fulfilling life with dignity, peace and security of rights.

MISSION

RAF Global works with the most marginalised individuals, families and communities in the poorest areas of Asia and Africa to improve the quality of life by acting as a catalyst that brings together resources, technology, systems, and effective grassroots strategies, giving better choices and control to people for a lasting change.

WHERE WE WORK IN MOZAMBIQUE



PROGRAMMES IN MOZAMBIQUE

RAF Global in Mozambique in the year 2022 made a strong comeback after COVID-19, that shook the country and world completely with its life-threatening impact.

The year 2022 was a challenging year for RAF Global in Mozambique and it bounced back with its programmes along with a lot of new initiatives as well as improvements in already running programmes in Mozambique. RAF Global in Mozambique in addition to its existing programmes namely under **Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth, Climate Smart Agriculture, Health and Nutrition Initiatives and Education and Technology**, initiated another ambitious programme of “**Good Governance**” hence bridging the gap between public institutions and rural population of the country. Our past challenges and various hurdles in 2022 added an enriching experience to pave a better road for efficient and effective delivery of programmes in the upcoming years and set a breakthrough impact in the lives of the most marginalised and deprived population of the country. Let us look closely at the insightful journey of each programme conducted in 2022.



RAF Global facilitated a Hearing Aid distribution campaign in partnership with Entheos, USA and the Provincial Ministries of Health in Gaza & Inhambane..

IMPLEMENTATION IN THE YEAR 2022

RAF Global's programme implementation in the year 2022 covered spectrum of key interventions in different cities, districts and provinces of the country. Addressing various social issues with available resources, RAF Global's strategy largely was based on strong liaison with government stakeholders from Ministries to Provinces, districts and village-level government authorities. Taking the government along as our key implementing partner in our all programmes, RAF Global is setting strong grounds for social development changes and complimenting the efforts of public institutions and in their effective delivery.

Significant investment has been made in the programme on Health and Nutrition under sub activities such as borehole rehabilitation, hearing aid campaign, cataract campaign and toilet constructions. Thereafter, Education and Technology programme had major investments, especially in the sub activities on ECD centers and donation of computers to various schools. RAF Global in partnership with various individual donors, public and private organisations contributed to serving **66,128** beneficiaries in 2022.

PROJECT LOCATIONS

During the year 2022, RAF Global in Mozambique conducted key project interventions in the following locations

Provinces	Name Of Cities & Districts	Location
Gaza	Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene District	Rural
Gaza	Xai-Xai city	Urban
Maputo	Matola District	Urban & Rural
Maputo	Maputo city	Urban
Inhambane	Inhambane city	Urban

OUR REACH

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ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH (EILSWY)

Mobile Banking Training	86
Micro-enterprise Training	96
Vocational training centers	513
Total	695

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CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Orientation on organic farming based practices	100
Moringa tree plantation campaigns	314
Kitchen gardening	630
Total	1,044

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EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME (ETP)

Improving school infrastructure and learning resources (Library rehabilitation & notebooks distribution)	10,684
Bridging education and technology gap (donation of computers)	8,343
Promoting recreational and competitive activities	413
Running of ECD centers (5 centers)	420
Training and capacity building of teachers, educators	194
Building ethics, leadership spirit among school children	899
Total	20,953

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION INITIATIVES (HNI)

Hearing Impairment & Cataract Campaigns	767
Screening camps for senior citizens to detect vision loss	159
Screening camps for school children to detect hearing impairment	6,689
Hearing Aids campaign	82
Cataract Surgeries	4
School children education & awareness programme	6,477
Donation of portable rotative ophthalmic microscope and Infant Radiant Warmer	700
Rehabilitation of laundry unit at Macia Health Center, Bilene District	1000
Borehole Rehabilitation	25,329
Household level toilet construction	69
Training in soap making for the target population	79
Bhojan and nutritional projects	350
Total	41,705

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GOOD GOVERNANCE

Multi services through one window community camp	401
Total	401

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EVENTS

International Day of Education	1,330
World Hearing Day	
International Women's Day	
World Water Day and other events	
Total	1,330

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES = 66,128 

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ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH (EILSWY)

RAF Global in Mozambique promotes entrepreneurship in women and youth and imparts them technical and business skills by delivering various capacity building training sessions on periodic basis. This also included seed capital support in terms of microgrants and raw materials to start their businesses. This has ensured sustainable livelihood support to women and youth belonging to the marginalised section of society. RAF Global in Mozambique delivered a wide range of services to promote the economic well-being of the rural poor under economic integration and livelihood support programmes. The key programme activities that were undertaken in the year 2022, are listed below:

- Technical support to aid income-generating activities
- Vocational training opportunities
- Market linkages and financial literacy
- Capacity building on entrepreneurial skills
- Financial and raw material support as seed capital

KEY HIGHLIGHTS of EILSWY in the year 2022:

MOBILE BANKING TRAINING PROGRAMME

In partnership with **VODACOM** and **MOTIVEL** telecommunication companies, RAF Global made efforts in the Gaza Province to support jobless and aspiring youth in learning the mobile banking trade. As a result of rural outreach in 3 districts namely, Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene and liaison with government stakeholders representing **Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Action** at the village level, 86 youth (including 70 females) acquired skills in mobile banking operations. Two beneficiaries each from Limpopo and Chongoene Districts received their initial seed capital of 5000 Meticaais on a condition of reimbursement of supported money within 4 months, which then can be circulated to the next 2 beneficiaries from each district. The circulation of seed capital to individual beneficiaries on a rotation basis was essential to ensure the self-sustainability of this programme and also to ensure continuous hand-holding support to them.

MICRO-ENTERPRISE TRAINING

Through its community outreach in the local markets and strong linkage with government stakeholders at the district level (including **Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Action**), RAF Global in Mozambique identified small vendors at local markets, who wanted to upscale their earning potentials but lacked all necessary support and mentoring. In 2022, 24 men and 72 women were trained to enhance their business skills with an assurance to support them with a seed capital of 10,000 Meticaais to expand their trade. In the first phase of the programme, 2 members from each district received their seed capital which has helped them to increase their sales and are now earning a stable income of approximately 3000 Meticaais per month. This seed capital will be reimbursed within 5 months from the benefitted members, which will then be circulated to the next two beneficiaries from each district in the second phase of the programme.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

RAF Global in Mozambique promotes the economic well-being of women and youth by supporting them with necessary livelihood skills that have considerable demand in the market and as well as nurturing them with hand-holding support.

RAF Global's Vocational training institute, **Centre of Aspiration for Youths in Mozambique (CAYM)** in Machava, Maputo Province offered five market-oriented vocational training courses in the year 2022 in trades such as tailoring, beautician, welding, electricity and mechanics in addition to English and the Sign languages that have been on offer for past years. A total of 513 students got enrolled in the vocational courses at different vocational centers supported by RAF Global in Mozambique.

During the year 2022, 458 students enrolled at vocational training centers operational in urban locations, located in Xai Xai city (capital of Gaza Province) and at CAYM in the Machava city, Maputo Province. Across these locations, aspiring and needy women and youth even travel long distances to get enrolled for the courses.

RAF Global in Mozambique faced dropping out of enrolled students from courses because of long-distance, travel costs and work responsibilities. As a remedy, it expanded the reach of vocational training programme in 2022 and started five more such vocational centers in the rural areas of Bilene, Limpopo and the Chongoene Districts of Gaza Province offering training skills in beautician and tailoring trade. A total of 55 students got enrolled during 2022 from these centers.

Information dissemination about the vocational trainings and enrolment has been high among the poor and marginalised youth and women, as a result of RAF Global's various outreach efforts, including whatsapp group of past graduates, who often post commencement of training programmes, job vacancies and information pertaining to specific trades, to the benefit of the entire group. A total of approximately 82 students are now successfully working either as sole entrepreneurs or working with other entities. The newly initiated vocational training centers located in Gaza Province are:

S.NO.	DISTRICT	VOCATIONAL SKILL	IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS
1.	Bilene	Beautician	Eden Joao Tovela
2.	Bilene	Tailoring	Centro de recursos de educação inclusiva Eduardo Mondlane (CREI)
3.	Limpopo	Beautician	Salão de Beleza Dona Lina
4.	Chongoene	Beautician	Salao Mainha
5.	Chongoene	Tailoring	Associacao dos Jovens Empreendedores de Gaza (AJEGA)



Students learning tailoring at CAYM, Machava, Maputo



Kitchen Garden at Fidel Castro, locality Chongoene sede, Chongoene District

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CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)

RAF Global in Mozambique through its Climate Smart Agriculture programme addresses the accelerating and inter-linked challenges of food security and climate change that affects the small farm landholders and underprivileged rural population the most. Considering the fact that 75 per cent of the world's poor is dependent on agriculture for their livelihood, an integrated approach to manage agricultural land that could yield improved productivity and enhanced resiliency towards climate-related risks become a crucial area of intervention. In 2022, RAF Global in Mozambique worked on three main thematic areas of intervention under Climate Smart Agriculture programme, which were:

Orientation on organic farming based practices

RAF Global in Mozambique in partnership with **District Agricultural Authority** identified 4 community lands in Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of Gaza Province for collective farm practices. 90 rural women and 10 men were trained in organic farming by technicians from the District Agriculture Authority, which also supported them with continuous monitoring and technical support during the period of cultivation and with a free irrigation facility. Our other implementing partners **AMURT** and **Mazivila Pit Association** provided free cultivation land and RAF Global contributed towards seed, manure, training, logistics and other relevant costs. The fruits of this programme are still awaited as due to extremely erratic weather patterns this year in Mozambique, crops could not yield properly.

Moringa Tree plantation campaigns

RAF Global in Mozambique with the support of district administrations under the gamut of **District Planning and Infrastructure Services, District Services for Women's Health and Social Action & District Education, Youth and Technology Services** selected 12 localities in Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of Gaza Province and identified spaces for sowing moringa tree saplings such as within a school and in a health center premises, street roads and community shared lands.

With the support of community participation and shared responsibilities, more than 300 community members planted moringa tree saplings and joined hands to water the saplings timely and to look after them on periodic basis. In partnership with a local organisation **ANAMED**, RAF Global plans to conduct various training sessions on making natural products with leaves and flowers of the moringa trees. This initiative will empower the community people with income generating skills in addition to multiple health benefits received by consuming by-products of the trees.

Kitchen Gardening

In partnership with **District Services for Economic Activities** in Gaza Province and **Association VGV** in Maputo Province, RAF Global trained underprivileged rural family heads on organic farming. A total of 630 underprivileged rural family heads in Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of Gaza Province and 10 villagers from Matola Gare, Maputo Province were given training. 20 families were then selected based on the criteria of availability of space in their courtyard, water facility, family size and their socioeconomic conditions. RAF Global supported them with seeds of various plants such as carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, onion, beetroot etc. along with continuous technical and hand-holding support. This initiative contributed to ensuring food security, nutrition support and also empowering mothers with safe- sustainable home based livelihood opportunities for them.





Plantation of Moringa tree saplings, Bilene District



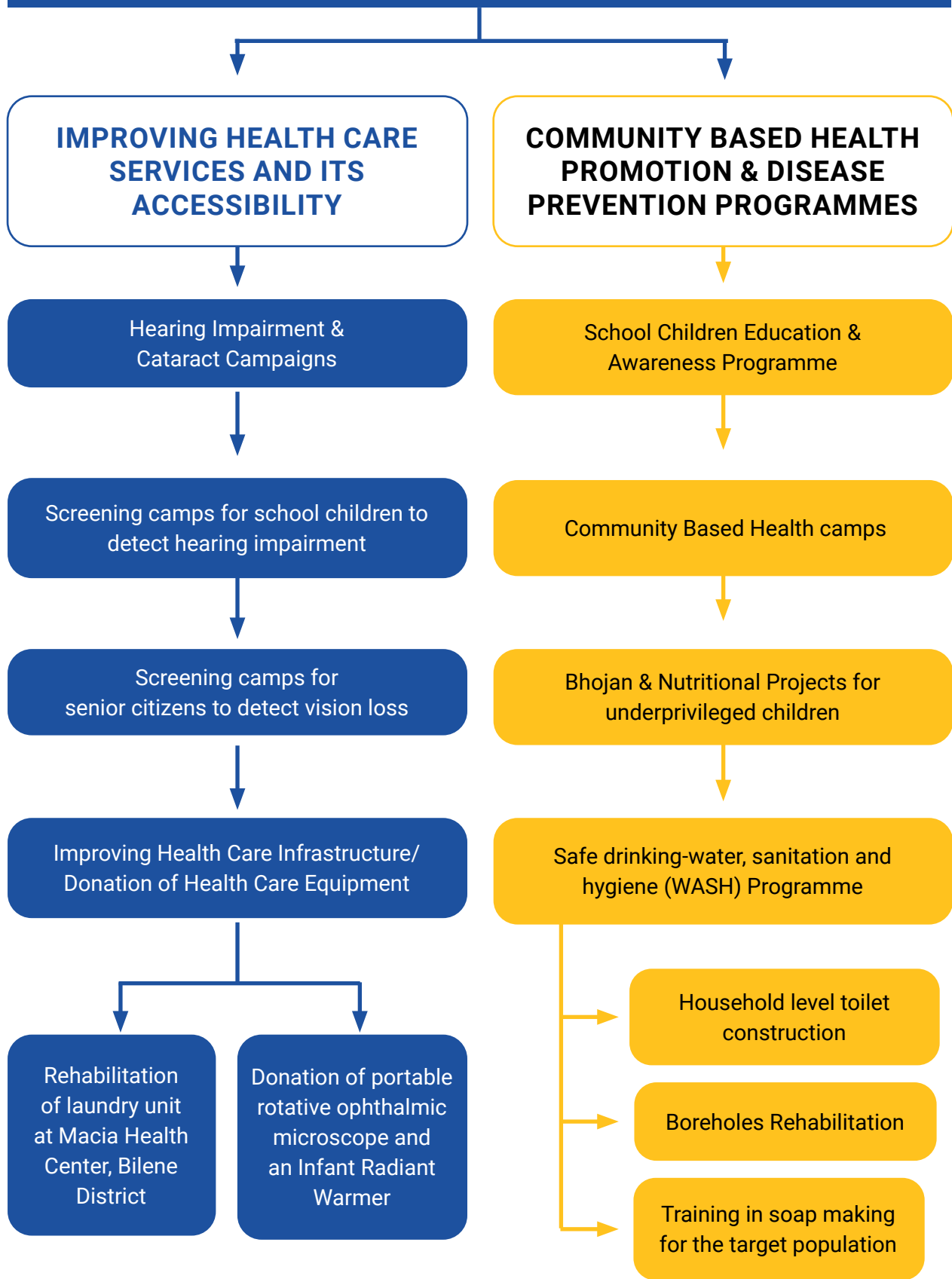
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HEALTH AND NUTRITION INITIATIVES (HNI)

RAF Global is working hand in hand with the non-government, private and public health services to improve the efficacy and efficiency of the healthcare system in Mozambique. Health as defined by WHO ***“is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”***. Social inequalities, insufficient financial and human resources, weak health information systems and limited institutional capacity and infrastructure are some of the factors that make the underprivileged and marginalised populations deprived of living a healthy life. These factors have impacted both preventive and curative healthcare services in the country. The burden of a weak health care system is mostly borne by the socially disadvantaged populations, who lack both knowledge and awareness along with accessibility to primary health care due to the financial constraints.

RAF Global in Mozambique is continuously striving to support and promote the present healthcare system in the country with its internally embedded two-tiered approach; one is by improving healthcare services and its accessibility and the other is through its community-based interventions, based on the preventive and curative models with an aim to promote health promotion and disease prevention.

Health & Nutrition Initiatives Programme in year 2022 at a glance



KEY HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME

Hearing Impairment & Cataract Campaigns

RAF Global did intensive outreach in community-centered health camps in the three districts of Gaza Province of Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene and also conducted health camps at **Xai-Xai Provincial Hospital** and **Inhambane Provincial Hospital**. With combined efforts of the **Ministry of Health (MISAU)**, the **Provincial Directorate of Health, Entheos** and a team of private doctors, a total of 767 people attended health camps, which included 485 women and 251 men. They were provided with free health checkups, ear and eye drops and other medicines. Patients with hearing loss were provided with hearing aids. A total of 82 hearing aid machines were donated. In the year 2022, 150 patients were diagnosed with cataract disease of which four patients were operated in the last quarter of 2022.

Screening camps for senior citizens to detect vision loss

Two health camps focusing on eye disease mainly for senior citizens were conducted in association with the **Forum of senior citizens** in Magoanine in Maputo Province and at the premises of **Association VGV** in the Matola Gare in Matola Province. 159 senior citizens benefitted from this health camp. It is critical to note that travel time and transportation cost largely impinge the accessibility of health services for the aged population. This initiative bridged that gap and provided timely medical support and care for the aged population.

Screening camps for school children to detect hearing impairment:

Hearing loss, ear pain, ear infection and ringing in the ears are some of the common problems seen in the growing underprivileged children. Timely care, healthy habits and medical treatment can prevent irreversible damage to ears like acute hearing deficiency or lifetime hearing disability.

With coordinated efforts of the **Ministry of Health**, a team of government and private health care professionals, 6,689 school children in 33 schools of Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts and Maputo Province were screened for ear-wax management and hearing impairment. 3,571 female children benefitted from this campaign. Along with it, children were sensitized on early care, healthy habits and early symptoms of ear problems that contribute to the health promotion and disease prevention programme of RAF Global.

School Children Education & Awareness Programme

Knowledge and awareness are the first steps in building a defense against infectious and communicable diseases. It is also important to maintain good health as it leads to an improved school access and grade performance.

Various sessions with emphasis on personal hygiene and sanitation care practices amongst children took place. Also the significance of washing hands timely, drinking safe and clean water, menstrual hygiene care for female students, road safety considerations, prevention and management of diseases such as malaria, HIV were the highlights of the school awareness programme.

In collaboration with the **Provincial Directorate of Education, Provincial Directorate of Health and District Services for Education, Youth and Technology**, a total of 6,477 children, which included 3,431 female students from 34 different primary and secondary schools across three districts of Gaza Province namely Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene and one school in Matola Gare District of Matola Province were covered under this programme.

Improving Health Care Infrastructure:

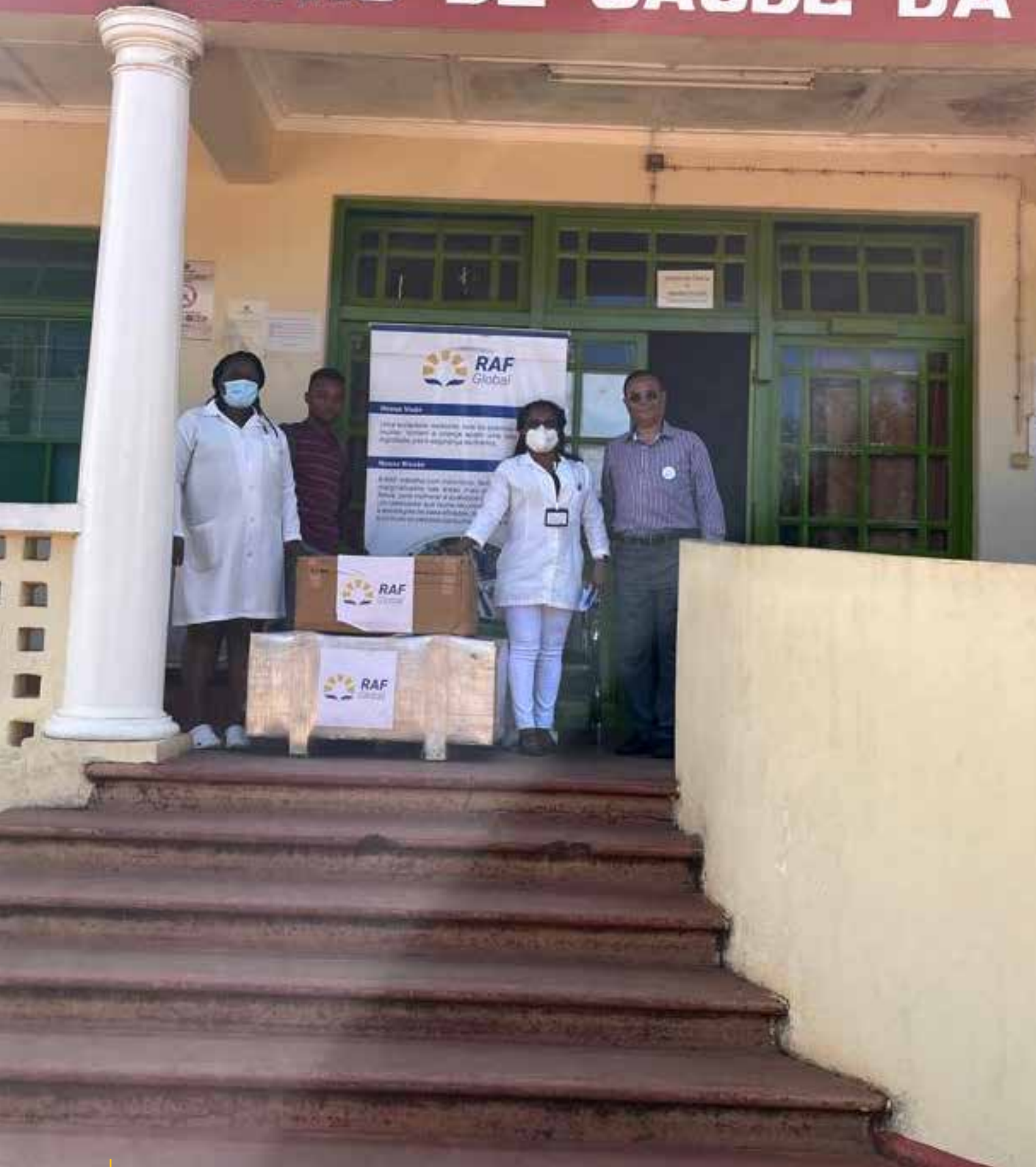
Donation of Portable Rotative Ophthalmic Microscope and Infant Radiant Warmer:

In the year 2022, RAF Global with the support of private donors in Mozambique, acquired one Movable Ophthalmic Microscope and an Infant Radiant Warmer for the Neonatal Intensive care unit. The former has been installed at the **Rural Hospital of Chokwe**, Bilene District serving more than approximately 200 cataract patients from the rural population per year and Infant radiant warmer installed at the **Medical Health Center of Macia**, Bilene District in Gaza Province will serve more than 500 infants per year approximately.

Rehabilitation of a laundry unit at Macia Health Centre, Bilene District:

In collaboration with the **Provincial Directorate of Health**, potential health centers were identified, where rehabilitation was the need of the hour. The laundry unit at **Macia Health Center** in the Bilene District was identified and thereby selected for rehabilitation in year 2022. With the support of individual donors, RAF Global facilitated the rehabilitation of the laundry unit in year, 2022. The hygienic condition of the sanitary units were significantly improved, thus contributing to the safety, dignity and overall well being of expecting mothers and the ones after new born babies. A total of 1000 in-patients per year approximately including medical staff will benefit from the rehabilitation of the laundry unit.

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Infant Radiant Warmer donated at the Medical Health Center of Macia, Bilene District

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Programme:

Household level toilet construction

The improved sanitation facility by the construction of toilets in 69 houses in three districts namely Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene was one of the significant projects, where partner organisations **AMURT, Provincial Ministry of Public Works's social department** along with community level government stakeholders identified the large sized deserving families and built for them the personal toilets in the courtyard of their houses.

Borehole Rehabilitation

Universal access to clean and safe drinking water is a basic human right and fundamental right too. Access to safely managed drinking water services for the underprivileged rural communities is an ambitious project of RAF Global in Mozambique since years. In 2022, 21 borehole rehabilitations were carried out in 21 localities in the Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of the Gaza Province, benefitting over 25,329 rural residents through this initiative. It is critical to note that 12,124 women will now be able to have access to better sanitation and hygiene routine because of the availability of clean water.

Our implementing partners, **AMURT and Provincial Ministry of Public Works's social department** contributed technical, managerial and all coordination support to bring this project a great success. For a sustainable functioning of boreholes for long-term and making community people self independent in managing the repaired boreholes, few community people were trained and skilled with borehole repairs with a local structure of a management committee comprising of female and male members from the community.

Training in Soap making for the target population

People in villages largely dependent on traditional ways of washing hands, which does not assure hundred percent safety against germs which spread from unclean hands. RAF Global in the year, 2022 came up with the innovative approach of teaching low-cost easy methods of soap making to rural people in partnership with **AMURT, ANAMED and PUREZA**. The 79 rural poor from Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts learned easy soap making from natural products like animal fat oil and reactivating agents to prepare a chemical mixture. All raw materials and logistics costs were sourced locally by RAF Global in Mozambique.

Nutrition Programme

Nutritional Aid to Children for the community school centers:

In partnership with our implementing partner **OLAM**, RAF Global contributed to one time nutritional meal to 300 underprivileged children. The children enrolled in four community school centers in Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of the Gaza Province and two orphanages in the Maputo Province supported by the organisations **Dom Orion** and **AACOSICA** benefitted from this project. With an aim to contribute for the overall well being of the children, nutritional aid project was a significant initiative of RAF Global in 2022.

Bhojan Project

For the past four years, RAF Global in Mozambique is successfully running Bhojan Project at CAYM in Machava, Matola. This initiative is a continuous efforts of RAF Global to support malnourished children with nutritious food every day. 50 street children were supported with nutritious food this year. Building a safety net for underprivileged children in Mozambique have always been the driving force for RAF Global to keep thriving and striving with all possible preventive, protective and supportive programmes and initiatives for children and women contributing to their overall happiness and wholesome life.



Supporting underprivileged children with one time nutritional meal at CAYM, Machava, Maputo



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EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME (ETP)

RAF Global in Mozambique's contribution to improving the education system in the country aims at promoting equitable and quality education through its comprehensive spectrum of intervention strategies and innovative partnership approach. With a vision to ensure universal access to quality education and equal opportunities of learning for children from underprivileged families, RAF Global conducted a range of intervention activities in year, 2022. The key initiatives taken under Education and Technology can be categorized under the following sub-themes:

Improving school infrastructure and learning resources

RAF Global in Mozambique in collaboration with the **Provincial Ministry of Education** identified schools for library rehabilitation work and for distribution of exercise notebooks. In the year 2022, RAF Global rehabilitated libraries of 5 secondary schools in Gaza Province covering Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts by contributing towards repair requirements of library rooms and also donated 200 reading books and shelves to each school covering varied topics. This initiative benefited 7,784 school children comprising 4,678 female children and 3,106 male children.

Eight primary and secondary schools in the Limpopo District were distributed school kits comprising 5 notebooks in each kit. This initiative was made possible by donor Winner Impex, which supported 1600 female students and 1300 males in 8 schools in the Limpopo District.

Bridging education and technology gap

Education is the most influenced sector with the boom of the technology and innovation market. With the advent of modern technology, new doors of learning with innovative learning techniques have changed the classroom learning and teaching experience. It is also critical to note that technical knowledge and skills define today's career growth and opportunities in the professional world. Coping with changing needs of the education sector from traditional to modern education, RAF Global donated 5 computers each in six schools of Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of Gaza Province contributing towards the learning skills of 4,830 female students and 3,513 male children.

Promoting recreational and competitive activities

RAF Global in Mozambique organised chess tournaments for school students in Gaza and the Matola Provinces with the support of the **District Education, Youth and Technology Services** department and the **Provincial Chess Association** to promote competitive sports spirits among students.

Three schools were selected in Gaza Province and one orphanage center in Maputo Province in collaboration with **Association Don Orion** and a total of 245 students enthusiastically participated in the event. The event was complimented with the distribution of T-shirts, certificates and the winner's cup. In 2022, another event promoting Olympiads in different subjects was organised in 11 secondary schools in Gaza Province covering three districts namely Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene, wherein 168 students participated. The event was organised in collaboration with the **District Education, Youth and Technology Services department** and was a great success.

Early Childhood Development Centers

Providing a strong foundation for learning, healthy behavior is critical in the child's early years. It is said that during the early years of life, more than one million neural connections are formed each second and hence, the right environment for learning becomes essential and critical for young children.

In 2022, RAF Global in Mozambique inaugurated five ECD centers. Four ECD centers were opened in Gaza Province and one in Maputo Province. In Limpopo District, two ECD centers were opened in partnership with **AMURT**, whereas one ECD center each in Chongoene and Bilene Districts. In Chongoene and Bilene Districts, RAF Global collaborated with **Associação para redução de pobreza absoluta (AREPACHO)** and **Escolinha Comunitária de Caridade** respectively. In Maputo Province, one ECD center was opened at **Centre of Aspiration for Youths in Mozambique (CAYM)** independently run by RAF Global. A total of 420 children got enrolled in these five centers in the year 2022 which included 225 girl children. RAF Global also supports these children with one nutritional meal daily.

Training and Capacity building of teachers, educators

Six schools were selected with the support of the **District Education, Youth and Technology Services Department** in Gaza Province and a total of 194 teachers of Primary schools were imparted training to build competencies like social, cognitive and emotional learning of children in a holistic and right approachable way.

Building ethics and leadership skills amongst school children

A series of workshops on leadership skills, personality development, ethics formation and healthy habits were organised in various schools of Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts of Gaza Province.

Educational movies were also screened on various topics in three schools of Gaza Province and different theatre clubs were formed in 4 schools to promote cultural activities and also to bring social awareness on pressing issues of societies. Approximate 899 school students, which included 456 female students benefitted in 2022 from various educational and cultural workshops.



Teachers training session conducted at primary school, District Limpopo



Community camp facilitating registration process for birth certificates, identity cards at Ngulelene primary school, locality Novunguene, Limpopo District.

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GOOD GOVERNANCE

Governance refers to the management of public institutions in delivering its services for the welfare of the people and good governance which is a buzzword nowadays in the social development sector aims at improving the management of these public institutions in conducting public affairs and managing public resources in the best possible way for the maximum benefit of the society. RAF Global in Mozambique in the year 2022 initiated a unique programme to promote good governance in the public institution system and organised community camps facilitating a single window for various public services reaching out to hundreds of rural poor at their doorstep. The key activities done in the programme were:

Community Camp for Birth Registration, Identity Cards, Bank Linkage

RAF Global in Mozambique organised community camps in Mazivila, Nuvunguene and Nhancutse localities of Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene Districts respectively and facilitated hassle-free registration for birth certificates, identity cards and opening of bank accounts for community people. Community people were also provided with free health check up and medicines to the needy one.

401 rural people benefitted from this single window facilitation process organised by RAF Global. It is critical to note that a large number of the underprivileged population gets deprived of basic necessary identity documents due to a lack of knowledge, information and time-consuming registration process. It was also observed that unmarried mothers and deserted women out of social stigma and complicated registration process, couldn't get their child's birth certificates registered due to which school admission and other government services were denied to their children.

RAF Global in collaboration with **District Health Service Authorities, District Identification and Registry Services** and **district bank officials** facilitated a single window for rural poor benefitting 240 females and 161 male in Gaza Province which significantly contributed to promote good governance in Gaza Province.



CASE STORIES



Case 1

Journey from abandoned daughter to abundant life: Azelia is living a dignified life earning from her own local shop in Limpopo District with the support of RAF Global in Mozambique

Azelia Julieta Tivane, a 22-year-old single parent to her child was deserted by her boyfriend when she was pregnant at the age of 20. With no means of earning sources, she was solely dependent on her stepfather, who was no different from her boyfriend who abandoned her. With already struggling financial conditions at home and the discriminatory behaviour of her stepfather and brothers, she left her education during her pregnancy and started looking for a job to earn a living. RAF Global in Mozambique with the support of government stakeholders identified needy and vulnerable women and families with its intensive outreach programme in local markets and Azelia was one of them. She received 10,000 Meticaís under the Micro-Entrepreneurship Programme along with business and financial training skills. She is now earning a well stable income on monthly basis from her mini local shop selling clothes, beauty products, woven baskets, and mats. Living with dignity and financially independent life, Azelia is an heroic example in the society and an inspiration to other women.



Case 2

“I thought I will never be able to see from my eyes”: overwhelmed Mr. Jeremias Filipe expressed when he first time saw from his operated one eye



Mr. Jeremias Filipe, a 74 years old widow man was diagnosed with cataract in both eyes. He was suffering from cataract for the past two years and lost his vision gradually. Depending solely on his family for food and other basic needs, he lost hope completely that he would ever see again as the burden of the financial cost of cataract surgery was too high and out of his affordability. RAF Global through its cataract campaign operated his one eye in December 2022 and he was also assured that his second eye will also be operated in the coming months. With the generous support and free cataract surgery by RAF Global, Jeremias Filipe was overwhelmed and expressed his heartfelt gratefulness to RAF Global when his vision was restored post surgery in the first operated eye.

Case 3

Tailoring skill learned from VTCs supported by RAF Global changed life of 24-year-old Melda Manuel Ndeve forever

Melda Manuel Ndeve, a resident of Chongoene District learned a six-month tailoring course from the vocational training center supported by RAF Global in the year 2022. With this new skill learned, Melda, a young girl started stitching beautiful dresses and posted the photos on the RAF Global's WhatsApp group of graduated students of vocational courses. Motivated by a lot of appreciation from the RAF Global Mozambique team and what's app group members, Melda tried her luck in one of the companies and showcased her stitched dresses. She was hired instantly and now Melda is chasing her dreams with her full potential in the fashion design industry.



Case 4

Gloria, a young 27-year-old woman earning interdependently from her home-based kitchen garden in Bilene District

Gloria Vicente Cossa, from Bilene District, learned organic farming from the Kitchen Gardening Project of RAF Global in Mozambique. The trainees were trained on making natural cost effective pesticides saving them from the unnecessary burden of the financial cost of chemicals and other pesticides available in the market and also mitigating the risk of harmful effects of chemicals on crops. Gloria apart from the training received from RAF Global in Mozambique, also received free manures, seeds and other timely technical support from technicians of district government department. The whole initiative of Kitchen gardening by RAF Global in Mozambique and support from government departments has set up a new beginning for small or landless farmers and a new ray of hope for safe livelihood opportunities for rural woman. Gloria Vicente Cossa is one such proud rural woman working in her own vegetable garden in Bilene District.





Celebration of International Sports Day at Ingrid Chawer center, locality Zimpeto, Maputo city

EVENTS

24th January, 2022

International Day of Education

Imparted training to 30 teachers at Escola completa Triunfo - Costa de Sol, Maputo Province.

3rd March, 2022

World Hearing Day

Hearing screening session and workshop on sign language with 100 children at Orphanage-Ministerio Arco Iris, Maputo Province.

8th March, 2022

International Women's Day

Awareness session on empowerment of women followed by fashion show and theatre play. 100 women participated at CAYM, Machava , Maputo Province.

22nd March, 2022

World Water Day

Inauguration of boreholes near a school in Limpopo along with painting competition with 200 school students in Limpopo District.

6th April, 2022:

International Day of Sports

Soccer tournament with 200 children along with distribution of T-shirts and sport balls at Ingrid Chawner Center for Juvenile (Street children), Maputo Province.

25th April, 2022

World Malaria Day

Malaria awareness programme with 200 community members in Nhancutse locality, Chongoene District, Gaza Province along with distribution of baygon and mosquito coils.

16th May, 2022

RAF Global Anniversary Day celebration

Celebration of RAF Global anniversary at CAYM, Machava - Maputo

28th May, 2022

Menstrual Hygiene Day

Imparted training on making cloth sanitary pads and distribution of capulana, threads, towels to 200 girls and women in Chongoene District in Gaza Province.

15th July, 2022

World Youth Skills Day

Organised Fair with all the material produced at CAYM along with motivational sessions with 150 participants.

8th May, 2022

International Literacy Day

Financial literacy and business skills training to 50 women entrepreneur at local markets in Bilene District of Gaza Province along with distribution of notebooks and pens.

1st October, 2022

International Day for Older Persons

International day for older persons was celebrated with theatre play performed by students of secondary school in Chongoene District.















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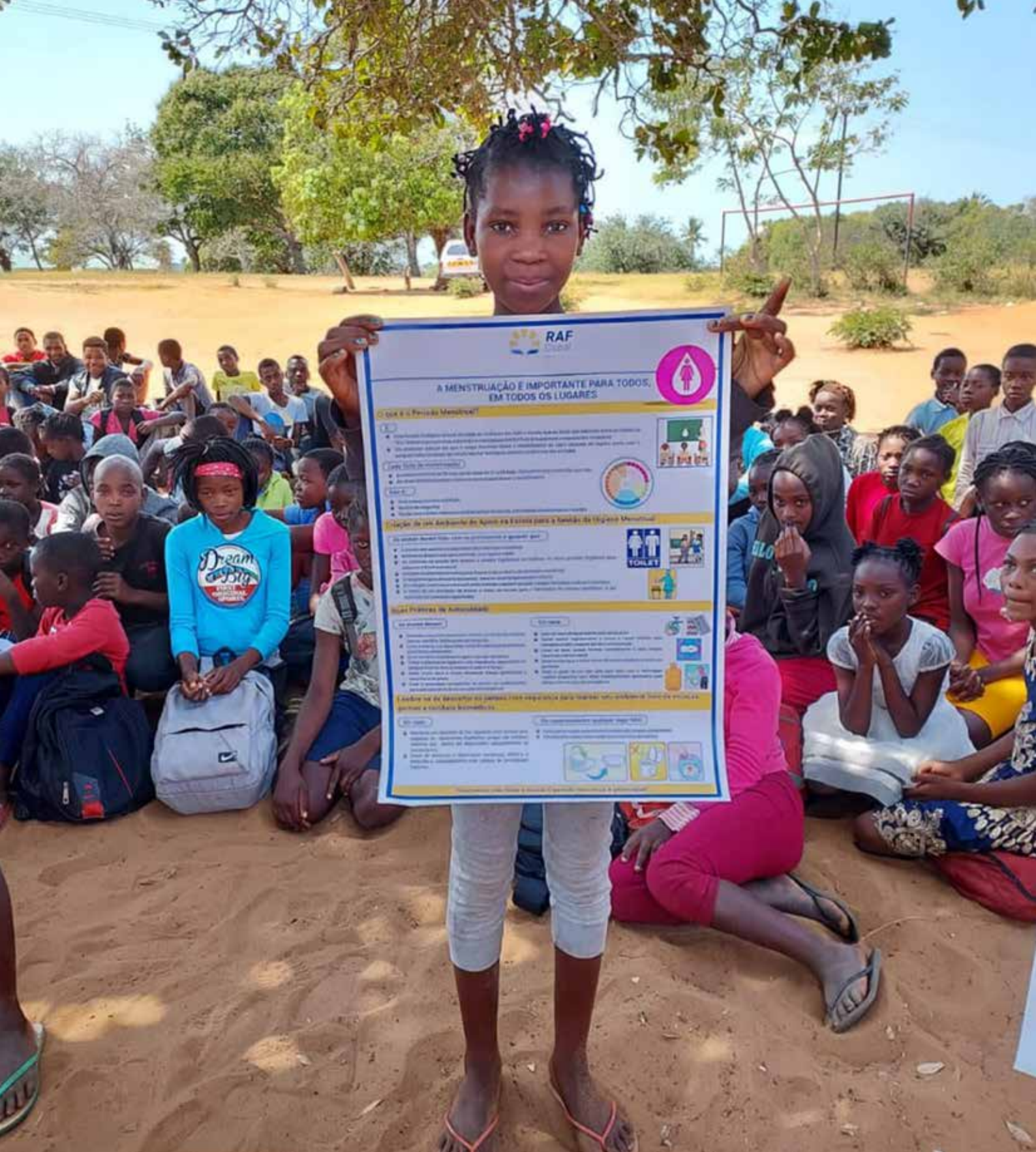
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