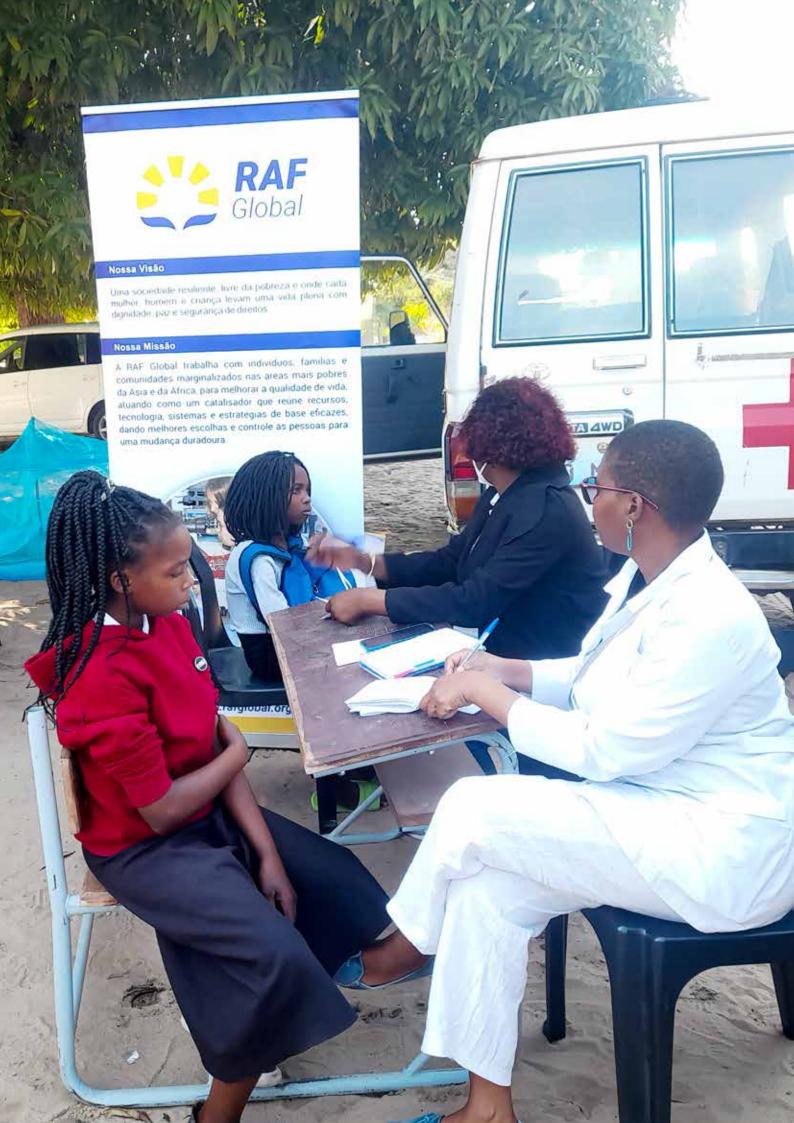




## **Annual Report 2023**

Mozambique



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## Message from the Chairman



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report for RAF Global for the year 2023. The past year has been marked by significant challenges and opportunities, and I am proud to share with you the progress we have made in addressing Mozambique's social and health challenges.

Mozambique, like many other regions, is grappling with a myriad of social and health issues that require our attention and dedication. From access to quality healthcare services to the need for better educational spaces and economic opportunities for underprivileged women and youth, the challenges are vast and complex. Despite these obstacles, RAF Global remains steadfast in its dedication to bring about positive transformations in Mozambique. Our strategy has been comprehensive, centering around four core pillars: enhancing healthcare, improving education, economic empowerment and promoting sustainable agriculture. By partnering with government stakeholders, private donors and partners,

we have been able to leverage resources and expertise to implement effective solutions that benefit the most vulnerable members of society.

Our work in Mozambique continues to evolve, overcoming challenges and achieving tangible results. In 2023, we embarked on a mission to revamp infrastructure at district healthcare centres, recognising that many of them serve as the primary source of medical assistance for people in remote areas. In education and technology, RAF Global bridged gaps in digital literacy by providing essential equipment like computers, modems, and projectors, while also revamping computer classrooms. By expanding access to technology and digital literacy, we are equipping young people with the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century economy.

Our achievements stem from the collaborative efforts of RAF Global and our partners. I extend sincere thanks to our dedicated team members, private and government partners, and generous donors for their invaluable support in driving our mission forward. As we look ahead, we remain committed to our mission of creating positive change in Mozambique and beyond. With this continued support, I am confident that we will build on the momentum of the past year and continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

#### **Rizwan Adatia**

Founder & Chairman RAF Global

## RAF Global in Mozambique

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 six countries. It works with the most marginalised individuals, families, and communities in the poorest areas of Asia and Africa to improve their 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 endeavours to make long-term, strategic and systemic investment around the key sectors of health, nutrition, education, and sustainable livelihoods along with advancing good governance at the subnational level.

Operational in Mozambique since 2015, RAF Global is legally incorporated under Clause 2 of Article 158 of the Civil Code of Mozambique. RAF Global presently implements a wide array of long-term and comprehensive projects across the sectors of livelihood, education, public health, nutrition, water and sanitation across the Gaza and Maputo provinces. The organisation possesses rich and extensive experience of engaging meaningfully with the Provincial Government, sectoral departments, civil society organisations and a diverse range of institutional and individual donors. In the past, it has collaborated with various stakeholders in a number of projects aimed at driving social change and sustainable development through better convergence and optimal utilisation, while 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.



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### **Overview 2023**

Mozambique, like many other regions, faces a multitude of challenges, including limited access to quality healthcare, inadequate educational infrastructure, and a lack of economic opportunities. Furthermore, the country continues to grapple with high levels of poverty, exacerbating these challenges and hindering progress towards sustainable development. The most recent survey data available is for 2019/2020, which estimates that 61.9 per cent of the population in Mozambique is 'multidimensionally poor' while an additional 13.9 per cent is classified as 'vulnerable to multidimensional poverty'.

The geographical disparities are evident as economic growth has been predominantly non-inclusive, benefiting mainly urban areas and leading to increased inequality. Addressing complex and vast economic, social and health challenges in Mozambique, requires collaborative efforts from both government and private stakeholders. RAF Global, through its strategic partnerships with government stakeholders and private donors and partners, has implemented programmes that aim to make a difference in the lives of communities across the country. RAF Global in Mozambique has key intervention programmes primarily functioning in Gaza and Maputo provinces. Three districts in Gaza – Bilene, Chongoene and Limpopo and Matola in Maputo have been the main areas of intervention.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UNDP. Unstacking global poverty: data for high impact action. Briefing note for countries on the 2023 Multidimensional Poverty Index. Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023. https://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/Country-Profiles/MPI/MOZ.pdf

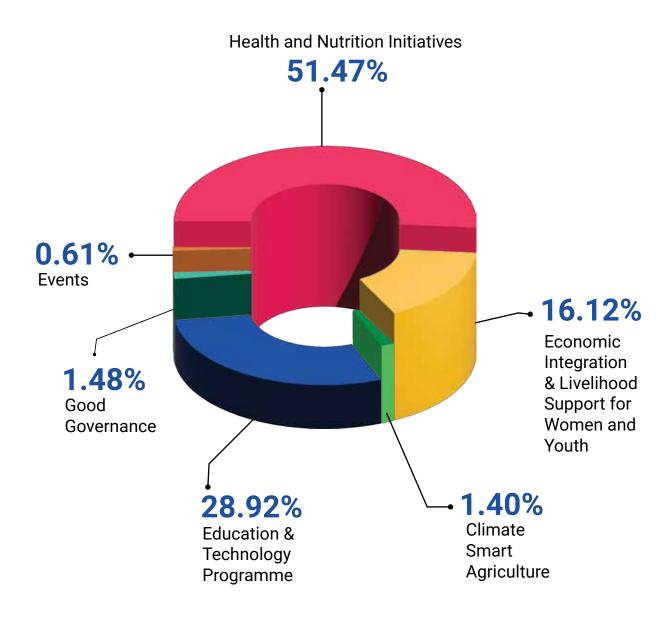
## **RAF Global In Mozambique**



### The year in review

In the period under review, RAF Global scaled up its intervention in Mozambique in the three main programme domains – Health and Nutrition; Economic Integration & Livelihood Support for Women and Youth; Education and Technology. It not only diversified its activities but also expanded its outreach. The organisation's outreach spanned: 47 schools with health and education interventions; three district healthcare centres; nine vocational courses offered to 942 youth; and restoring traditional borehole systems in 11 regions.

### Investment across programmes



In 2023, RAF Global strategically implemented its programmes in rural communities of Mozambique, aiming to benefit them with a range of initiatives. The adjoining table shows the spread of its impact to the community through one or more programmes.

Programmes	No. of persons reached	Of them, proportion of people who have benefited from other programmes as well
Health and Nutrition Initiatives	3,27,712	49.70 %
Economic Integration & Livelihood Support for Women and Youth	1,042	96.92 %
Climate Smart Agriculture	2,616	17.20 %
Education and Technology Programme	12,708	96.53 %





## **Programme Account**



### **Health and Nutrition Initiatives**

Mozambique grapples with healthcare obstacles stemming from its insufficient infrastructure and resources. More than half of Mozambicans must walk an hour or more to their nearest health facility, and medicine stockouts are common. There are only three doctors per 100,000 people - a proportion that is among the lowest in the world<sup>2</sup>. Furthermore, the nation's battle against HIV/AIDS is particularly daunting, with more than one in 10 adults infected, totalling 1.2 million people, of which 58 per cent are women. Additionally, 200,000 children are infected3. Malaria poses another significant threat, claiming 22,000 lives annually4. In Mozambique, evidently, there is a need for multifaceted healthcare, with a comprehensive strategy which will help improve access, quality, and outcomes in the health sector.

RAF Global's approach to health programmes in the country involves both government and private stakeholders. In 2023, RAF Global with its spectrum of health initiatives, reached out to 3,27,712 people, half of whom were also covered by other programmes. Of them, 51 per cent of the outreach was to women for whom the organisation made a concerted effort to address gender-specific healthcare needs.

## Strengthening the healthcare system

#### Nutrition care

In the period of review, RAF Global reached out to 466 children with nutritional meals in early childhood centres (ECD) in Gaza and Maputo provinces. It also served 22 elderly people and ten street children with nutritional lunch under its Bhojan project, functioning since 2018, at the Centre of Aspiration for Youth in Mozambique. Of the total people reached out to, 55 per cent were female.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> United States Agency for International Development. (Accessed on 19 April 2024) Global Health. https://www.usaid.gov/mozambique/global-health

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> World Health Organization, African Region. (August 2023). Country Disease Outlook, Mozambique. https://www.afro.who.int/sites/default/files/2023-08/Mozambique.pdf



### Strengthening healthcare centres

In the period of review, RAF Global in Mozambique facilitated health interventions in Gaza and Maputo province, including the repair and renovation of the emergency department at Chongoene Health Centre, which also serves as the first window for registration for outpatients. Similar repair and renovation work was undertaken for medical rooms at Chissano health centres in Limpopo district. The renovation included fixing roofs, water pipelines, painting, and refurbishing common toilet facilities. Nearly 60,000 patients visit these centres annually and are expected to have an improved experience in terms of facilities.

In Health Center Unidade-A (Maputo province), blood pressure measurement machines and sterilisation equipment have been provided which is expected to support the team in their delivery of services to 2,40,000 patients annually. Refurbishment of a furnace unit and building a seating facility for outpatients has also been undertaken at the health centre.

### Water and sanitation

In 2023, RAF Global undertook the repair of 21 boreholes across 11 underserved regions in Bilene, Limpopo, and the Chongoene district of Gaza province. This initiative has led to the possibility of safe water access for 19,437 individuals, of whom 67 per cent are estimated to be women and girls. Additionally, to address inadequate sanitation facilities, RAF Global constructed individual household toilets for six families in the same districts.





Mr. Fernando Mondlane, a 71-year-old resident of Nhancutse in Chongoene district, Mozambique, practiced years of open defecation due to inadequate sanitation facilities. Living with his daughter and her two children, they could not afford to build a toilet. In the absence of a toilet, they would be going out in the open with the risk of snake and scorpion bites. They also had to deal with the lack of water source nearby. Additionally, women faced the risk of sexual assault. Recognising these acute difficulties and the possible consequence of infections, RAF Global, in collaboration with AMURT (Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team), constructed a personal latrine on their land. Improved sanitation facilities is expected to have a larger impact on the overall hygiene quotient of the family.

### **Health education**

### Health screening and awareness

Health awareness sessions on hand hygiene, HIV, malaria and menstrual hygiene were organised in 33 schools in Gaza and Maputo provinces. Eye and ear care screening camps were also facilitated by RAF Global in these schools for timely wax removal and early detection of hearing issues. The health interventions have impacted 6,329 students, half of whom were girls.



### Health camps

Community-based health camps were organised in Gaza and Maputo provinces using school spaces as venues, and reaching out to to 1,267 individuals of rural communities, of whom, 67 per cent were women. In addition, one health camp was organised at Centre of Aspiration for Youth in Mozambique for 155 students enrolled at skill building centres. Other than support for general health issues, the camps also provided referral services to



district hospitals to 54 people diagnosed with cataract. These camps were conducted in collaborations with the Provincial Health Directorate, District Services for Women, Health and Social Action and Provincial Hospital of Xai-Xai, Entheos and Ouvido Saudavel Lda.

### **Outreach through Health and Nutrition Initiatives**

Strengthening the healthcare system	
Nutrition care	498
Strengthening healthcare centres	3,00,000
Water and sanitation	
Boreholes repair	19,437
Household toilet construction	26
Health education	
Health screening and awareness	6,329
Health camps	1,422









# **Economic Integration & Livelihood Support for Women and Youth**

Recognising the pivotal role of building employability skills in breaking the cycle of poverty, RAF Global has committed itself to empowering women and youth through skill-building courses, since its inception in Mozambique. Over time, the programme has expanded its offerings, providing comprehensive support to students to compete in the job market and gain entrepreneurial talent through ongoing guidance and assistance. During the year in review, RAF Global reached out to 1,042 individuals from impoverished rural communities, of whom 64 per cent were women. Nearly, all of them received support under other initiatives as well.

### **Vocational training programme**

RAF Global has been providing free vocational training since 2015, offering a range of market oriented courses for women and youth in Gaza and Maputo provinces. From five courses (tailoring, beauty services, welding, electrical work and mechanics) in 2022, RAF Global added four more courses in 2023 - plumbing, carpentry, basic electronics (mobile and computer repairing) and detergent soap making. A total of 210 students graduated from these new courses. Among them, 59 per cent of students enrolled in the basic electronic course. Indicative of defying conventional gender norms in traditionally male-dominated occupations, 36 per cent of graduates in welding, plumbing, electrical work, mechanics, and basic electronics were women. During the review period, 942 students graduated from vocational training courses, which is an increase from 513 in the previous year. Women students accounted for 64 per cent of the total graduates.





### **Seeding entrepreneurial futures**

### Internships

In 2023, RAF Global embarked on a new journey with the initiation of an internship programme in collaboration with FIPAG (Fund for Investment and Assets of Water Supply), TATA Motors, and private construction companies, offering internships in plumbing, mechanics, and electrical trades, respectively. During the review period, 68 students secured internships through these partnerships, with women comprising 34 per cent of the total participants.



### Business and leadership skills

RAF Global initiated several workshops designed to augment the entrepreneurial and leadership skills of students enrolled in vocational courses. These workshops were facilitated by experts from Eduardo Mondlane University, UNISAVE University, as well as organisations, ADHOJOMA and MONALPO (National Movement of Fighting against Poverty). Moreover, special sessions focusing on meditation and yoga, conducted in collaboration with Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT), were held to foster life skills and advance the physical and emotional well-being of students.





### Micro-loan and self-help

During the period in review, 21 small scale entrepreneurs received interest-free loan of 10,000 Meticais (USD 156.15) each, to expand their business ventures. These vendors sell groceries, fruits and vegetables, coal, and offer mobile banking. The government stakeholders at the district level played a crucial role in selecting needy small scale vendors.

To foster micro-enterprise opportunities within self-help groups, RAF Global facilitated the formation of five self-help groups by 61 women and 18 men from rural parts of three districts of Gaza province - Bilene, Chongoene and Limpopo. This endeavour aims to strengthen the entrepreneurial capabilities of under-served communities in the province.





In Gaza province, RAF Global has worked with women to help them become mobile banking agents, by assisting them in obtaining licenses from telecom companies, providing relevant training, and offering interest-free seed capital. Adelia Chambal, a beneficiary of this initiative, started her career as a mobile money transfer agent in 2022. Prior to that she was a student and had no source of income. Within a year, she was earning between USD 1-2 per day and, subsequently, after a year's operation, she expanded further by opening a second shop, supported by a 5000 Meticais (USD 78.07) loan from RAF Global, which facilitated an increase in earnings to USD 5 per day.

# Outreach through Economic Integration & Livelihood Support for Women and Youth

Vocational training programme	
Skill building courses	942
Seeding entrepreneurial futures	
	6.0
Internship	68
Business and leadership skills	942
Self-help groups	79
Micro-loan support	21







# Climate Smart Agriculture

In 2023, a total of 2,616 beneficiaries have been reached out through kitchen garden and organic farming initiatives in Mozambique. More than half of the farmers are women, and over 17 per cent of participants have benefited from two or more initiatives of RAF Global. Through climate-smart agricultural techniques, the effort is to improve food security and foster resilience to climate change while ensuring equitable participation and benefits for all members of the community.

### Organic farming and kitchen garden

In the period of review, 176 individuals and 274 small-scale farmers from rural areas in underserved regions of Gaza and the Maputo provinces participated in kitchen garden and organic farming training programmes, respectively, organised by RAF Global. Expert-led sessions were conducted by SDAE (District Economic Activities Services) with participants across three districts in Gaza province — Bilene, Chongoene, and Limpopo — as well as in Matola (Maputo province). Additionally, participants of whom 68 per cent were women, received seeds, seedlings, and manure as part of the programme.



### **Moringa plantation**

In the ongoing commitment to promoting the medicinal and dietary benefits of Moringa trees, RAF Global undertook a Moringa tree plantation drive. This initiative promoted the various uses of Moringa products, such as leaves, fruits, and flowers, and hopes to create economic opportunities for rural communities through the marketing of Moringa by-products, in the future. Building upon the efforts of the previous year, RAF Global prioritised community involvement in this endeavour. In 2023, a total of 2,166 individuals from rural communities, participated in planting 800 Moringa saplings across eight locations in Gaza and the Maputo provinces.



### **Outreach through Climate Smart Agriculture**

Trainings	
Kitchen garden	176
Organic farming	274
Moringa plantation	2,166









#### Nossa Visão

Uma sociedade resiliente, livre da pobreza e onde cada multer, homem e crança levam uma vida piena com dignidade, paz e segurança de direitos.



# Education and Technology Programme

In the period of review, RAF Global strategically focused its efforts on enhancing educational spaces in 14 government schools and three early childhood development (ECD) centres. It worked extensively to improve educational resources and infrastructure in the schools, (mainly secondary schools), aiming to reduce dropout rates at the secondary level. As part of this initiative, RAF Global provided improved learning spaces for 12,708 students, more than half of whom were girls. Almost all the students also benefited from other programme activities. At ECD centres, 466 children, of whom 56 per cent are girls, are expected to have benefitted from the organisation's work.

### **Improving learning spaces**

RAF Global provided a range of support to 12,708 students from 14 government schools in Gaza and Maputo provinces, primarily aimed at enhancing educational resources and infrastructure. The initiative focussed on advancing library spaces, computer labs and science classrooms. This included donating books, projectors, modems, microscopes, computers, as well as repairing existing computer systems. Additionally, educational material like, maps, charts and sports uniforms were provided.

Chichango Senior Secondary School in Bilene district, underwent a comprehensive renovation of the computer classroom, which included repairing and renovating walls, windows, and electrical wiring. Furthermore, the school received donations of modems, projectors, new benches, and computer tables to enhance its technological infrastructure. Seven of the 14 schools supported, received other streams of support as well, through RAF Global.





### **Early childhood development**

RAF Global in Mozambique supported early childhood education to 466 children which included 56 per cent girl students. Since 2022, RAF Global has been running three ECD centres in Gaza (one each in Bilene, Limpopo and Chongoene districts) and one in the Maputo province (Matola district). The organisation ensures that the children at the Centres get a nutritious meal every day. Each Centre operated in two shifts, with separate classes for children aged 2-3 and 4-5, tailored to meet the specific educational needs of each age group. In 2023, each ECD centre received assistance to address their specific requirements, including painting educational art on the walls, teacher training, and the provision of toys, books, notebooks, swings, and computers.





### **Teacher training**

Training sessions on inclusive education, self-esteem, yoga, and meditation for selfdevelopment were conducted for 319 teachers from eight schools in the Gaza and Maputo provinces. Experts from the District Education, Youth, and Technology Services (SDJET) and the Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) were invited to lead these sessions. Concurrently, during the review period, teachers from three ECD centers supported by RAF Global underwent training provided by allied government departments, including the Provincial Directorate of Gender, Children, and Social Action (DPGCAS), and the District Services for Health, Women and Social Action (SDSMAS). The training aimed to equip them with skills to enhance their teaching pedagogy.



### **Outreach through Education and Technology Programme**

Improving learning spaces in schools	12,708
Early childhood development	466
Teacher training	319







### **Good Governance**

### **Public information service camps**

In Mozambique, RAF Global facilitated public information service camps in seven rural regions, spanning the districts of Bilene, Chongoene, Limpopo, and Matola. These camps were organised to offer vital assistance to marginalised people in rural regions who face a challenge in obtaining birth certificates and national identity cards. Additionally, the camps facilitated bank linkage services, enabling people to open bank accounts and access other banking services. By adopting a single-window service approach, RAF Global aimed to simplify the administrative process for individuals living in rural areas. In all, 1,194 people of whom 53 per cent are women, are estimated to have benefitted from this initative.

This initiative especially supported vulnerable women, unwed, abandoned and single mothers whose children were denied admission to schools in the absence of birth certificates. Due to social stigma and cumbersome processes, single mothers and their children found it hard to get the documents, exacerbating their vulnerability. The public information service camps were conducted in collaboration with government departments – Autoridade Tributaria (Tax Authority), Directorate of Civil Identification (DIC), District Education, Youth and Technology Services (SDJET) and District Registration and Notary Service (SDRN).





### **Outreach through Good Governance**

Public information service camps

1,194

### **Events**



### **World Hearing Day**

RAF Global in Mozambique marked World Hearing Day on 3rd March at Xai Xai Provincial Hospital in Gaza, donating hearing aid equipment to 12 patients, including 7 women. At a gathering of 51 people, hospital doctors educated the attendees on ear care and provided technical information about hearing aid equipment.



### **International Women's Day**

240 students enrolled in diverse courses at CAYM celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March. Dr. Farida Gulamo, a prominent disability rights advocate, was the Chief Guest. She shared about her journey as a person with disability, and highlighted the challenges faced by women in Mozambican society.



### **World Menstrual Hygiene Day**

On 28th May at Nhamvila Secondary School in Chongoene district of Gaza province, 300 girl students were taught to make sanitary pads. Additionally, 300 pads were distributed to the participants.



### **Sports**

Football tournaments were arranged among schools from Gaza and Maputo provinces, with a total of 12 schools taking part. The victorious team received gold medals, a trophy, and two footballs for each winning school.

## **Partnerships**

PARTNERS	PARTNERSHIP DOMAIN
District Services for Women, Health and Social Action (SDSMAS)	Strengthening the healthcare system Health camps Early Childhood Development
Provincial Directorate of Gender, Children and Social Action (DPGCAS)	Early Childhood Development
Associacao para reducao de pobrezaabsoluta de chongoene (AREPACHO)	Early Childhood Development
Olam	Nutrition care
District Services for Economic Activities Services(SDAE)	Kitchen garden and organic farming
Ananda Marg Universal Relief Team (AMURT)	Borehole repair, Toilet construction Early Childhood Development Yoga and Meditation training Moringa tree plantation
District Planning and Infrastructure Services (SDPI)	Borehole repairToilet construction Moringa tree plantation
Associacao dos jovensEmprendedores de gaza (AJEGA)	Vocational training
Escolinha Comuitaria de Caridade Chichango - A (CREI)	Vocational training
Fund for Investment and Assets ofWater Supply (FIPAG)	Internship
TATA Motors	Internship
ADHOJOMA	Business and leadership skills development
National Movement of Fighting against Poverty (MONALPO)	Business and leadership skills development

PARTNERS	PARTNERSHIP DOMAIN
Edurado Mondlane University	Business and leadership skills development
UNISAVE University	Business and leadership skills development
District Education, Youth and Technology Services (SDJET)	Health camps Public information and service camps School improvement programme Vocational training
Provincial Hospital of XAI-XAI	Health camps
Provincial Health Directorate (DPS)	Health camps
Entheos	Health camps
Ovido saudavel LDA	Health camps
Autoridade Tributaria Tax Authority	Public information and service camps
Directorate of Civil Identification (DIC)	Public information and service camps
District Registration and Notary Service (SDRN)	Public information and service camps

## **Acknowledgement**

The partnership approach adopted by RAF Global stands as a cornerstone of our mission to work towards the upliftment of underprivileged communities in Mozambique. We recognise the immense importance of bringing together key stakeholders from both the government and private sectors on to a unified platform to address the multifaceted challenges of society. Through this collaborative effort, we have been able to leverage the expertise, resources, and networks of various partners to implement sustainable solutions that have a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our government and private partners, as well as generous donors, for their unwavering support and collaboration. Your commitment to our shared vision of creating positive change has been instrumental in driving forward our initiatives and programmes. Together, we have made significant strides towards building a more prosperous and equitable society for all Mozambicans.

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