

JOE AND ALYSSA,  
WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON  
YOUR WATER PROJECTS!



## MOZAMBIQUE

CABO DELGADO AND  
NAMPULA PROVINCES

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER: **HELVETAS**  
STATUS: **IN PROGRESS**  
ESTIMATED COMPLETION REPORT: **SPRING 2023**



In the first half of 2021, you generously funded 1 Well with a Hand Pump in Mozambique. Your gift—along with donations from our global community of supporters—has since been put to work as part of a larger grant that will bring clean and safe water to 63,200 people living in the Cabo Delgado and Nampula Provinces. Below is a report on our progress so far.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

Our local partner, HELVETAS Mozambique, is hard at work. 27 out of 196 water points have been completed, all of which are new or rehabilitated wells with hand pumps. HELVETAS Mozambique created and trained 232 sanitation committees on subjects like handwashing, the correct use of latrines, the importance of wearing masks to protect against COVID-19, and hygiene. These committees have already constructed 55 fences around their wells to reduce human and animal contamination. To support our commitment to “prove every project”, all completed wells have been outfitted with identification plates, and production is underway for the remaining 169 sites.



### FIELD CONDITIONS

Water access is as low as 34% in some of Mozambique’s districts, forcing people to walk significant distances to reach the nearest water point. What water is available is often brackish—an undrinkable mixture of fresh and saltwater—which only leads to further dehydration. On top of that, natural disasters and extreme weather are common. Mozambique has been nicknamed the “Pearl of the Indian Ocean” for its long coastline, but this location is vulnerable to cyclones, heat waves, high winds, and seasonal flooding. People living in rural areas often face frequent and large-scale food insecurity as a result.





## IMPACT STORY

Your generosity supports the Kalai Project, a Menstrual Hygiene Management program and latrine-building initiative that empowers women and girls in rural communities, like Catarina.

A 45-year-old mother of seven (including a teenage daughter), Catarina always felt embarrassed during her menstrual cycle. To avoid sharing a bathroom with her husband and sons, she and her daughter would bathe alone in a river far from her home or wait until her family was asleep to use the bathroom. This experience made them feel sad and ashamed every month.

Now, with a private latrine, Catarina and her daughter live without shame or fear. "The suffering is over!" Catarina said. "I was lost and didn't know what to do. I feel like you have saved the women of my community."



*Private latrine | Photography by HELVETAS*



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HELVETAS Mozambique engages community members through Community-Led Total Sanitation and hygiene training. Rather than focusing merely on toilet construction, this approach aims to shift the behavior of an entire community and end the practice of open defecation. HELVETAS Mozambique also educates community members on topics such as safe drinking water storage, food hygiene, solid waste management, house cleaning, kitchen utensil storage, and personal and community hygiene.

With their unique public-private partnership approach, maintaining functional water points is a team effort. Community members join local water committees and are in charge of handling basic maintenance. Private operators operate and maintain the system. Meanwhile, local governments and private sector technicians provide regular monitoring and assist with large repairs.

For wells with hand pumps, the operation and maintenance are handled by Water and Sanitation Committees. For piped systems, Water User Associations are formed to defend and present user interests to private operators.