

Attachment B - Dina Samuel Cumbe

Moz Mission – Individual Child Care



Dina Samuel Cumbe

Inhacoongo, Provincia de Inhambane, Mocambique

Date of birth: 20 July 2020 (6 years old)

Nationality: Mozambican

Language: Portuguese

School: Escola Primaria Do Inhacoongo

Period of study: 2026-2029

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Support provided: Encouragement, emotional support and counselling, practical food assistance for the family and weekly follow-up visits.

Dina's Story:

Dina is the second youngest of seven children and is a lively, friendly little girl with endless imagination, energy, and creativity.

When Dina was only two years old, her mother left the family. Since then, her father has been courageously raising all seven children on his own and working hard to keep the family together. He built a small home from reeds and palm leaves in their village. The family has no running water and must take turns collecting water from a market approximately 15 kilometres away. Although their home leaks during the rainy season and offers very little protection, it remains a place where the family cares for and supports one another.

Recently, Dina's father lost his job, placing even more pressure on the family's already limited resources. Despite these challenges, he continues to teach his children valuable life skills and encourages them to work together and remain hopeful.

Like all children attending government schools, Dina requires a registration fee, school uniform, school bag, stationery, and books before she can begin her education. Dina's greatest dream is to attend school. In her own words, she wants "to learn and become wise."

Through our Individual Child Care Project, we were able to pay Dina's school registration fee and provide her with a school uniform, school bag, and the stationery she needed. It was a privilege to share in her excitement as she prepared for her first days at school. One of her biggest dreams is to learn how to read.



Dina's creativity shines through in everything she does. During one of Lee-Ann's visits, Dina proudly showed her a doll she had made from reeds, carefully decorating it with roots she had collected to create beautiful hair. Her imagination and resourcefulness are remarkable.

The family is also actively seeking ways to improve their circumstances. One of Dina's older siblings started collecting empty plastic bottles and approached Lee-Ann with an idea: to buy a sachet of juice concentrate that could make two litres of juice, which they could then sell to earn money for school expenses. Their determination and entrepreneurial spirit are inspiring.

Dina also helps her older sister harvest mandioca (cassava), which they sell for approximately 50 Meticaís per bundle. It is hard work for young children, but it demonstrates the family's willingness to do everything possible to improve their situation.

School and Food Support for Dina and her Family is R500 (\$30 / MZN 2,000) per month. Dina can attend school with dignity and her family receives essential food support, helping to ensure that there is a meal on the table each day. **Please consider Dina as your point of care.**