

Supporting the Children of the Xai-Xai State Orphanage

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OUTSIDE KITCHEN RENOVATION

Transforming Lives Through Practical Support

One of our first major projects focused on supporting the Xai-Xai State Orphanage (Infantário de Gaza-Xai-Xai) in Mozambique, home to approximately 40 children ranging from infants to young adults. Many of these children have been abandoned, orphaned, or come from vulnerable family circumstances. Some live with physical and intellectual disabilities, and all rely on the orphanage for safety, care, stability, and hope for a brighter future.

Identifying a Critical Need

During our first visit to the orphanage, we discovered that meals were being prepared over an open fire in a basic outdoor structure. Children often sat or lay on bare concrete surfaces while waiting for meals.

The outdoor kitchen, used daily to prepare food for all residents, presented significant health and safety concerns:

- Exposure to open flames and burn risks
- Continuous inhalation of smoke
- Poor hygiene and food preparation conditions
- Limited protection from weather conditions
- Children assisting with cooking in an unsafe environment

We knew this situation needed urgent attention.

Outdoor Kitchen Renovation Project

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Chosen Children Canada and the dedication of Carol, who coordinated fundraising efforts and project oversight, we successfully renovated and upgraded the orphanage's outdoor kitchen. We watched the progress.....



The project included:

- Repair and reinforcement of the kitchen structure, including roof and flooring
- Construction of a concrete cooking stove and oven with a chimney system
- Installation of concrete food preparation counters
- Creation of secure firewood and charcoal storage areas
- Installation of a sink, tap, drainage system, and waste disposal facilities

The renovation has transformed the space into a safe, clean, and functional environment.

The total projects cost was: R31,000 (USD 1,700) (MZN 112,000)



This project has already made a meaningful difference in the daily lives of the children and caregivers and we are equally thankful for the one major sponsorship and every small contribution to make this possible.