

## Building Blocks for Brighter Futures



Beira, Mozambique



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$30,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

SEPT 21

AUG 24

### Overview

This project follows on from a successful initial business enterprise project in embroidery/sewing. Focussing on block-making (making bricks), the project will train 100 students per year and support 5 enterprise staff, in a skill that has been identified as much needed in the Beira community. Employment and skills training will be provided for trainees to start small/medium enterprises. The project is designed to be self-sustaining so that after 3 years it will be self-supporting through its profits. Mozambique has extremely high unemployment and chronic skills shortages due to lack of education and training opportunities for young people and very low rates of school education completion. Year 2 budget \$30,000.

### Impact for Sept 21 - Feb 22

**100**

**Plans for students to begin training**



are in place, once waters subside from the floods and lockdown conditions abate. It is planned to train 100 students in Year 1.

### Flooding is an issue in Mozambique

and our partners are working hard to explore ways to keep machinery and materials dry during the wet season. Combined with COVID, the communities have suffered badly.



### Equipment has been purchased to set-up

the brickmaking program. Materials for training such as cement, sand and drying racks have been obtained.

### 5 Enterprise staff have been employed

to teach the trainees. These staff have been maintained during this difficult time and are poised to begin training students.



- COVID and floods have crippled the economy and driven more people into extreme poverty, adding to the urgent need for vocational training opportunities that will lead to employment and financial security.
- Cyclone Idai caused destruction to 90% of Beira in 2019, so a block-making enterprise is ideal for the context, in which quality, affordable bricks and trained construction labourers are in high demand.



### Domingos's Story

My name is Domingos Pinto Francisco Massamba. I am an orphan with 7 brothers, 4 of whom have died. I am married with 8 children. I am the supervisor of the block making process. This is very important because it is helping those who have been affected by the cyclones. So many houses were destroyed. We will help the trainees who will benefit by gaining competence in the manufacture of quality blocks for civil construction. This will make a difference when they look for employment. Having practical experience will open up better opportunities for employment. Thank you.



**Thank you  
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a difference**