



Completion Report

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Reporting Period: June 2017 – June 2018

Community Library Completion – Mocuba, Mozambique

Budget: \$9,960 - Fully funded.

Update:

The town of Mocuba in northern Mozambique has an estimated population over 350,000 with several universities and many schools, but it had no public library. Entrust previously funded the building of a library and helped provide some books and computers. However, the library was missing a front fence, some university textbooks and air-conditioning for the computer room. Without these, the municipal government said the library could not open. This project completes the community library and ensures our earlier investment realises its potential, and that the community is served through the addition of a public library.



We are pleased to report the library project is now complete and the following have been added to ensure the library could open and function. This included the provision of:

- A front fence (which removed a poor, temporary fence)
- 4 air-conditioners
- Books
- Tables and chairs

Gloria, pictured above, was asked to be the librarian for the public library. She completed a library course and says, *“The library has given me the opportunity to receive further training and to serve the community. We have run a children’s program for ages 3-12 and I would like to run a program for students and adults. The community is bringing their children to the library in increasing numbers.”* Gloria and her team are looking to rent out some of the rooms to help raise funds to buy further resources and become more sustainable.



Mozambique has poor infrastructure after years of colonial rule and then civil war. Educational resources are limited. Many universities and schools do not even have the text books that are required reading for various subjects. Access to the internet is also very limited, particularly for the poorer members of the community. We believe this is a step forward in providing a public space for library users through resources such as books and the internet. It helps the town to develop a sense of pride and community as it seeks to raise the educational standard of its town.

Thank you for your support of this community.