

Sewing to Success

MOZ-MED-STS-P01



Beira, Mozambique



Economic Empowerment

Total Budget

\$25,000

Project Timeline

OCT 18

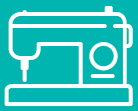
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Overview

This project was with a new partner, working in the area since 1999, only years after horrendous civil war, cyclones and COVID-19. Our partners started an educational and income-generating embroidery and sewing enterprise as part of the development of their Business Incubation Hub. The project is providing skills training in sewing. It is also providing a low-cost sewing and embroidery service to the community, particularly students and families of the local King of Kings School and other educational institutions that our partners operate. As a result, it is improving the financial viability of our partners and students. Economic empowerment is a powerful tool in combatting poverty.

Objectives



40 sewing skills participants

Impact

Experienced trainers are providing basic sewing skills training for two groups of 20 participants for six months each (delayed due to COVID-19 lockdowns). This will help women and girls in particular to gain vocational skills to earn a living.



income generation through sewing

Two embroidery machines were purchased to allow an embroidery business enterprise to start. This is providing an income-stream as there is a demand for an embroidery service. Trainees are learning the skills required as well.



I want to be a tailor!

With a ranking of 181 out of 189 nations on the Human Development Index, Mozambique suffers extreme poverty. 42% are illiterate and 45% of the population is under 15 years. This project is making a big difference. "My name is Margarida. I am grateful for the training and for what I have already learned. The classes are so motivating. I know that if the trainers continue teaching like this, we will leave well trained. I am grateful as I know this project is adding value to us. When someone is trained, they are respected in society, and they are not just dependent on the salary of their husband. My dream is to be a tailor."



Life change

- Income-generating skills will help provide a sustainable income for participants to help support themselves and their families
- Women will feel empowered through learning practical skills and business training and will support their children's education, food and healthcare
- Our partners have an ongoing income stream to support and train other groups

