

Little Gestures in Action Nr. 27

The Journey of the Christmas Cards: Love that crosses borders

This Christmas was marked by a very special mission: to take the postcards made with love and dedication for the children we support in Mozambique to their Sponsor in Portugal. However, the road to getting these little treasures into your hands was not an easy one.



Mozambique is currently facing significant political and economic challenges that affect the daily lives of many communities. Increasing conflicts, logistical and transport difficulties and pressure on local services have further complicated our task. Despite this, the resilient spirit of our team and the support of the communities were decisive.

From the first steps - organising the children to draw and write the postcards - to sending them to Portugal, each stage was marked by effort and dedication. It took days of sorting out bureaucracy, dealing with delays and overcoming barriers. But we never gave up, because we knew that behind each postcard there was a special message of affection that would warm the hearts of those who received it.

In the end, the good news: we did it! The cards crossed oceans and reached the godfathers and godmothers. Gestures that symbolise the deep connection between the giver and the receiver, showing that **love and solidarity overcome any obstacle.**

Turning dreams into reality: First Sports Day in Chongoene



Last month was marked by the first Sports Days in Chongoene, involving children from various neighbourhoods in Chongoene and Xai-Xai . In a spirit of unity and joy, these days featured four main sports: men's football, sack race, jump rope and neca. In addition, the children from the After-School Study Support room took part in cultural activities such as poetry and marrabenta.

The day began with an inspiring speech by ALG Project Manager Carlos, who emphasised the aim of the days: to provide moments of fun and togetherness, rather than competition. The promise of more sport days in 2025 got the children excited!

The sports competitions were a success. In football, Comunidades beat Crescer 3-1, while the sack race and the neca brought victories for the Crescer teams. The marrabenta dance was one of the highlights of the day, with ESC taking the prize for this sport that delighted everyone present.

Apart from the competitions, the atmosphere was marked by **harmony and co-operation**. The children helped with the organisation, shared moments of relaxation and, at the end, expressed their gratitude for the event. ALG reaffirmed its commitment to the development and well-being of the children and youth, celebrating this milestone as the start of many initiatives to come.

The Sports Days will be remembered by all as an unforgettable day.

ALG Winners Meeting: A Day of Growth and Equality



December was marked by another inspiring meeting of the ALG Vencedoras at the São Vicente de Paulo School. An initiative that brought together 17 girls of different ages and school years (8th to 11th) under the guidance of mentor Miliona. This event marked a significant step towards strengthening gender equality, providing a space for reflection, sharing and empowerment.

The day began with introductions, where each participant shared their name, age, favourite activities and dreams for the future. It was a special moment that strengthened the bond between them and highlighted their aspirations and diversity.

In an interactive debate, the girls explored crucial topics such as **early pregnancy**, **violence** and **bullying**, sharing definitions, types, consequences and strategies for dealing with these issues. This open dialogue allowed the participants to recognise challenges and identify ways to act with confidence and security.

The meeting became lighter and more dynamic with a raffle game, where the participants answered questions related to the topics discussed, and a talent contest. Divided into groups, the girls created artistic presentations in 20 minutes, showing creativity and enthusiasm. This moment stood out as one of the most engaging, bringing smiles and boosting everyone's confidence.



At the end of the day, each participant wrote down their opinions on the Vencedoras project, what they appreciated and suggestions for the future. The session ended with the presentation of participation certificates and gifts, such as personal hygiene products, which reinforce women's dignity and well-being.

The event exceeded expectations! The girls participated openly and enthusiastically, emphasising the importance of the project in their lives. They were grateful for the space created to share and learn about key issues and asked that the project continue to inspire and transform.



This meeting was more than an event, it was a moment of empowerment and celebration of the strength of girls!