

## Little Gestures in Action Nr. 36

### When urgency speaks louder

This month, the plan was different.

We wanted to share with you the results for 2025, the figures, the achievements, the happy stories that your support made possible.

But on the ground, reality has changed — and when reality changes, our priorities change with it.

### Current situation on the ground

At this moment, the priority in the communities we monitor is to protect families and prepare for a return to normality as far as possible.

With the worsening of the floods, improvised reception centres have been set up in coordination with local authorities, providing temporary shelter for families who have had to leave their homes.



Improvised shelter, 8 de Março School,  
Xai-Xai



Improvised shelter , Secondary School Unit 2,  
Patrice Lumumba, Xai-Xai

At the same time, the A Little Gesture team is working to ensure that the return to school is as safe and stable as possible, minimising the impact of this emergency on children's education. We know that in a situation like this, food insecurity quickly worsens.

We have therefore moved forward with the **distribution of basic food baskets**, as part of a broader effort to support communities, which included cleaning the school grounds and holding an awareness-raising lecture on cholera — addressing forms of transmission, prevention and treatment, a particularly relevant topic in the context of floods and makeshift shelters.

Each food basket distributed contains essential food items: 5kg of rice, 4 packets of pasta, 1 bar of soap, 1 packet of salt and 1kg of flour.



 Banhine



 Santa  
Luísa de  
Marilac



Distributions are a fundamental pillar for ensuring not only food, but also some stability in a context of great uncertainty.

**Despite all the difficulties**, it has already been possible to start some cleaning activities in community and school spaces, an essential first step to ensure minimum conditions of safety, hygiene, and dignity.

These actions represent the beginning of a **gradual return to normality** and pave the way for the **next phases of community support**.



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We know that action on the ground is essential — but we also know that giving voice to this reality is part of the solution.

That is why we were recently on SIC, a portuguese news channel, to talk about the real impact of these floods, explain what is happening in communities, and reinforce the urgency of a response. Here we share Mana Sara's interview:



Note: Only available in Portuguese

[Full interview here](#)

In this regard, we have also activated emergency response mechanisms and launched an urgent appeal, because there are immediate needs that cannot wait.

Much of what is happening has already been shared in our recent communications. This newsletter exists to reinforce a simple idea: **we are on the ground, we are taking action, and we are focused on protecting the future of the children and families we support** — even in an emergency context.



It is for the children and their future that we continue our work in the field.

## And the KPIs



The figures for 2025 will not disappear.

The impact we have achieved together remains — and deserves to be celebrated.

We will return very soon with this sharing.

Today, we begin the year as we have always begun this mission: responding where it is most urgent.