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Since 2023 and continuing throughout 2024, Iris Global has been dedicated to supporting the Centro Agrario IDP camp located in the Metuge district of northern Mozambique. This camp is home to nearly 1,000 people who have endured dire conditions for several years. Our mission has been to provide vital assistance, care, and support, offering life-sustaining food and supplies to the residents.

Food and Nutritional Support

Iris Global has played a crucial role in combating malnutrition and improving overall health in the camp by distributing food kits. These kits include:

- **Manna Packs:** Vitamin-enriched meals designed to meet the nutritional needs of the camp's residents.
- **Flour, Beans, and Salt:** Essential staples that support food security and enhance the residents' daily diets.

Ecological Initiatives

In addition to addressing immediate food needs, Iris Global has implemented ecological initiatives to foster long-term sustainability and psychological restoration. We have:

- **Environmental Stewardship Education:** Taught children the importance of caring for their environment.
- **Tree Planting:** Partnered with the local community to plant trees, providing edible resources and promoting ecological balance.

Spiritual Support

Recognizing the importance of spiritual well-being, Iris Global has provided extensive spiritual support. Our efforts include:

- **Bible Distribution:** Providing Bibles and solar-powered audio Bibles in the local dialect.
- **Church Community Growth:** Facilitating the growth of a vibrant church community within the camp, where residents receive spiritual guidance, counseling, and teaching from our dedicated teams.

Children's Programs

Understanding the unique needs of children, Iris Global has organized various programs to bring joy and support to the youngest camp residents. On our visit days, we:

- **Play Games:** Engage children in fun activities and games.
- **Provide Treats:** Distribute bread, cookies, and candies, bringing smiles and moments of happiness to the children.

Iris Global remains committed to continuing our multifaceted relief efforts in Centro Agrario, working to improve the lives of those who call this camp home.



Voices from the ground: A narrative depicting the local reality

The war has scattered many, leaving lives uprooted and hearts heavy. This is the story of several displaced people from Quissanga, each bearing the scars of loss and the struggle to rebuild. One man, a former fisherman, shared his displacement with a heavy heart. He had not only lost his home, but also his livelihood. Another recounted the agonizing loss of his wife, a wound Jesus is healing through the process of prayer and fellowship with his new brothers in the faith. Yet, amidst the despair, hope emerges through Jesus! Our team arrived, bearing not just food for their bellies, but also sustenance for their souls. Jesus through the Gospel message, delivered with compassion, offered solace and a renewed sense of purpose.

"With the support received, I felt hope and good," - one man confessed, his voice thick with emotion.

"They offered me food and I felt supported." The spiritual food has been just as vital.

"The spiritual support I received was through the word of God and the biblical counseling given by Arco-Íris," another shared, referring to our organization by its Portuguese name, which translates to "Iris/ Rainbow" ministries. Their dreams of returning to their old lives seemed distant.

"I tried to develop fishing skills here, but it wasn't possible," one man admitted.

"I'm not from here and things are difficult." However, resilience shone through community forged in hardship.

"Here we help each other go fishing," he continued, describing a spirit of

"Everything we get there, we divide in half for everyone." The lack of support from other organizations weighed heavily on them.

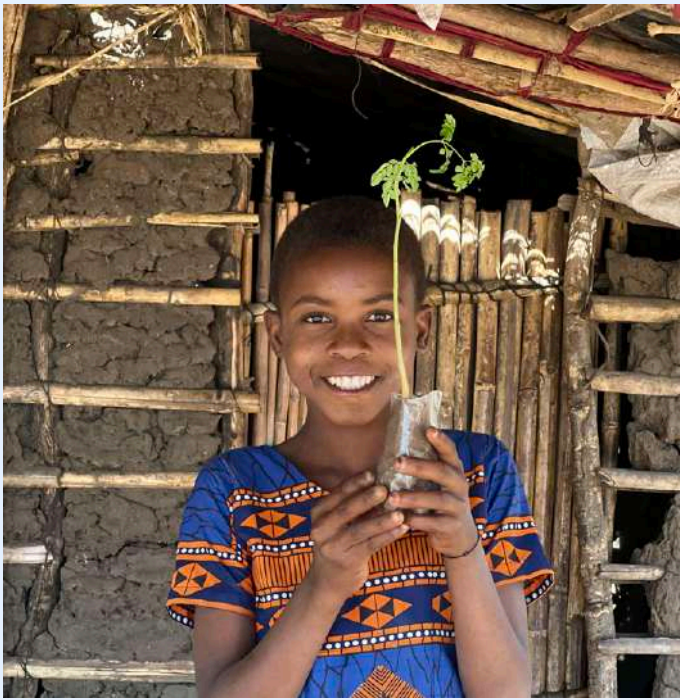
"The difficulties we have faced until now are the lack of support," one man lamented, his voice laced with gratitude for Iris Global's intervention.

"We would like to thank Iris who has reminded us, I say this because there are other organizations that no longer support us." Amidst these desperate pleas for a return to normalcy, a quiet determination emerged.

"We tried to adapt anyway and we feel comfortable now," one man said.

"In the past they ignored us, but now we are a family."

These stories depict testimonies from the team that did outreach in this region of Metuge during April-June 2024. These testimonies show the transformative power of Jesus and faith in the Lord and how important it is for the local church to do their part in supporting their neighbors. In the darkest of times, the Gospel message offers comfort, the gift of a solar Bible empowers continual personal spiritual growth, and the act of sharing a meal bonds people in true fellowship in these communities. These displaced people, though ravaged by war, are rebuilding their lives, hand in hand, with hope as their compass and faith in Jesus is their guide.



God's Provision and Grace: The Story of Fatima Muamudo

Fatima Muamudo 60-year-old widow with many children and grandchildren, had faced times of hardship living in a displacement camp. She received little to no prior assistance, leaving her feeling forgotten and alone. However, God's love reached her through the generosity of our team. Though not initially on any list, Fatima received a miraculous provision of the Manna Pack (vitamin enriched meals) – a tangible reminder of God's care for His people. This act of kindness brought immense joy and relief to Fatima.

But the blessing went beyond the physical. Our team took the time to visit Fatima in her own shelter/hut, creating a space for fellowship and spiritual nourishment. They shared the Gospel message with her, planting seeds of faith and offering her the gift of discipleship – spiritual food alongside the physical sustenance. Fatima's story is a beautiful testament to God's faithfulness. He sees the unseen, cares for the forgotten, and provides for His children in unexpected ways. Through this act of love, Fatima encountered the hope and comfort found in Christ.

Finding Hope: The Journey of Sumalige Massaka

Sumalige Massaka, a 68-year-old displaced man living in a camp after fleeing war, found solace and hope through encountering Jesus through the tangible reach of Iris' outreach team. Displaced from Quissanga, he expressed gratitude for the kindness shown. He received a solar audio Bible, a tool to deepen his connection with God's word. But the most impactful gift, according to Sumalige, was the personal visit from our team because he felt lonely and to be with new friends made him feel loved and special. They sat together, sharing the Gospel message, providing spiritual nourishment during a difficult time. This experience served as a powerful message that God's love reaches even the most remote corners, offering comfort and guidance to those facing hardship.

Embracing Love: Filomena Cristovão's Journey of Faith and Provision

With a heart overflowing with gratitude, **Filomena Cristovão**, a 25 year old displaced woman from the war, received Jesus through the Gospel message of salvation, a solar audio bible and food packages. Her eyes shone with joy as she expressed her deepest thanks, especially to Mama Heidi for the rich fellowship they had in spending time together in fellowship while cooking a local meal on a local fire made from firewood gathered from dry sticks and wood from the bush. This provision to her was evidence that God really does love her. She got to experience His love and faithfulness, meeting her in a critical time of need in her life.





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