



Mozambique



Introduction to MOZAMBIQUE

THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE is beginning to emerge as a growing African nation after being largely closed to the outside world due to a drawn-out civil war. Settled along Africa's southeast coast, the country now has a steadily strengthening economy, though most citizens still live in extreme poverty.

The MOZAMBIKAN people

Total population:	21,669,278
Children under 15:	9,602,481
Average Life Expectancy:	41.18 years
Per capita annual income:	\$900
% children in primary school:	76.05%
Average years of education:	8 years
Literacy rate:	47.8%
Internet users:	350,000
Cell phones in use:	4.405 million
Major/official language(s):	Emakhuwa, Xichangana, Portuguese, others

Risk issues impacting children:

- About 40% of children under age 5 suffer from stunting as a result of chronic malnutrition.
- A prolonged drought has harmed crop yields.
- The HIV prevalence rate continues to increase.
- About 470,000 children have lost one or both parents to AIDS.
- Less than 40% of the country has access to basic health services or clean water.

More about MOZAMBIQUE

Capital city:	Maputo
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	799,380
General terrain:	Mostly coastal lowlands, uplands in the center, plateaus in the northwest, mountains in the west
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, food, beverages, chemicals
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Maputo, Vilankulo, Biera, Pemba

Reaching MOZAMBIQUE

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

- Catholic - 23.8%
- None - 23.1%
- Muslim - 17.8%
- Zionist - 17.5%
- Other - 17.8%

Christian groups:

- Independent - 38.9%
- Roman Catholic - 36.1%
- Protestant - 14.5%
- Other - 9.6%
- Anglican - 0.9%

Unreached People Groups: 7 (1.2% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.062

Average annual baptisms: 381,880

Foreign missionaries: 3,400

Per million: 165.59

National Christian workers/pastors: 8,000

Per million: 389.62

Number of churches/congregations: 25,545

Children's ministry in MOZAMBIQUE

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Mozambique. The following information regards general children's ministry in Southern Africa, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:**
- Children's ministry is alive in Southern African, but skilled teachers and access to quality resources are often limited – especially in more rural areas.
 - In many areas in this region, children are not treated with as much respect as adults, and are not seen as vital to the church or ministry.
 - Where there are leaders with a heart for children's ministry though, that heart is passionate about reaching children. Sometimes evangelism is more of a focus than discipleship.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in **25,545** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling **9,602,481** children for Christ