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Fishing Camp Community

Katulumba Community School
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**Challenge**
Basic education and sanitary standards are not ensured due to overcrowded school facilities

**Analysis**

**Request**
An enlargement of the campus is needed to improve schooling for students and teachers alike

**Objectives**
- Build additional classrooms
- Build more latrines to comply with the minimum national requirement
- Build staff houses for teachers

**Solution**
Provide students with the basic education that they deserve; give teachers the required facilities to provide this education

**Long Term Results**
Improved quality education will provide students with more opportunities for a better quality of life; the entire Fishing Camp community will be affected by enhanced education and sanitary conditions

Next Developments
THE CHALLENGE

The Fishing Camp is a fast-growing compound in the Siavonga suburbs, where access to basic education is limited and does not follow national requirements.

In 2010, the Katulumba Community School was built for 84 attending students. However, despite the fast-pace-growth of attending students (achieving 488 in 2018), school premises were never adjusted accordingly thus overcrowding the school’s 3 classrooms.

In addition, without the minimum hygienic standards, children’s health is every day at risk: the ratio latrines/students is 1/60 (ideal ratio is 1/15).
Teaching sessions are provided in regular sessions only for 4th to 7th graders (in 2 classrooms) but the other children attend fewer hours of schooling – below national requirements - due to the availability of just an additional classroom.

The community of Fishing Camp is extremely committed to guarantee basic education to their children; in fact, despite the extreme poverty of the compound, the community started the construction of an additional classroom, adding piece after piece whenever some funds are available. It can take another few years to finish the classroom just with the community efforts.
OBJECTIVES

SUPPLY THE SCHOOL WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES

PROVIDE ALL STUDENTS WITH REGULAR CLASS SESSIONS

GUARANTEE THE MINIMUM NATIONAL SANITARY STANDARDS

IMPROVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE – INCREASE PASSING RATE ON FINAL EXAMINATION
The need raised by the school staff and the Fishing Camp community was studied in collaboration with Guardavanti in order to plan lasting solutions.

1. Finish the construction of the 4th classroom
2. Build 3 additional classrooms
3. Build 18 more latrines

When implemented, to students and teachers alike will immediately be granted the proper setting for a quality learning and teaching, and for sanitary acceptable standards.
In the long term, the campus enlargement will allow all kids to attend school, having the statutory school hours and not letting anyone out of compulsory education. This improved quality of education gives students better life/work opportunities.

The right number of installed latrines will enhance the sanitary standards.

Guardavanti and Katulumba School signed a long term partnership in which both parties commit to follow the development of the compound in the future, adjusting the school premises accordingly.
Once the minimum educational and sanitary standards are reached, the next steps have already been thought of, in the light of the long term partnership between Guardavanti and the Fishing Camp Community, and with the envision of improving the life of the entire compound. The long-term sustainability of the school is also a future goal and considers the following developments:

▪ Provide school with electrical power (to allow PC classes and adult literacy with evening classes)
▪ Creation of income-earning activities (to allow the school to self-sustain itself)
▪ Construction of new staff houses (to give more quality life to the teachers)
The necessary budget for the project has been calculated in detail by local partners. Moreover, the Fishing Camp Community will contribute to the project by doing part of the construction work. The project will be done in modules meaning that as soon as enough funds for each module of the project are available, we will start the construction – following the plan below:

- Double latrine = 1.800€
- Classroom conclusion = 3.500€
- 1st classroom and foundation for additional classes = 12.000€
- Additional classroom = 7.000€